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Good reasons for the cook to go nuts: Katie Stewart, page 14

Mr Wilson will ask employers to strengthen social contract

The Confederation of British Administration's understanding tomorrow, he will invite leaders

ndustry will be asked after the with the unions, Mr Wilson of all other parties and groups

lection, if Labour wins, to have promised yesterday in reply to in the Commons to meet him alks with the Government with a question from The Times. Mr to formulate his financial view to strengthening the Heath said that if his party wins policies.

Pact 'goes far beyond the industrial scene'

abour Editor

Leading employers would be vited to strengthen a Lahour evernment's understanding ith the unions after the elec-ou, Mr Wilson said yesterday. The social contract, he ided, was "not just with the ade union movement", hur so with the whole of instruction in Labour was eturned power he would want to ve talks with the Confederation of British Industry.

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the social contract.

Speaking shortly after Mr
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Leaders of the CBI have welned the wage restraint pro-

ned the wage restraint proions of the social contract,
have expressed strong disproval of the Government. the Government's

an invitation to early talks those represented at Neddy with Mr Wilsoo if Labour through the machinery of Neddy and by direct hilateral talks. Whenever these are forms the next Government.
Mr. Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said at

an election meeting in Ilford last night that the "really wor-rying feature" of the past two weeks had heen the readiness of some politicians to discredit the social contract without try-

the social cootract without trying to understand it.

Mr Wilson's statement to The Times said in full:

A few days after the TUC General Council approved the terms of the social contract document, later endorsed by Congress, I chaired the July meeting of the National Economic Development Council.

Before we began work on our formal agenda, the president of the CBI asked leave to say a few words. What he did was to congratulate the TUC leaders on their achievement on getting an agreement on the social contract, and he did so in most generous terms.

of course, the CBI have expressed anxieties about how it might work out in particular

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Labour Government to keep
y charge on company costs, the closest possible relationwever, f understand that the
l will respond favourably to organizations, particolarly

desired.

On March 4, when I was asked to form a government, I sent a message that evening within a few minutes of entering Downing Street to both the TUC and the CBI asking them to come and meet my colleagues and myself the following day. I have, of course, had further meetings and so have all my economic colleagues in the Cahiner.

Cabiner.
I bave made clear throughout this election that I regard the social contract as not just with the trade union movement. It is with the whole of industry. Of course, its social implications go far wider than the industrial scene.

When I bave referred to it when I have referred to it being a contract with all the "useful" people in the cuuntry, I have specifically defined this as everyone at all levels and on both sides of industry, and also those who have any capacity in the ser-vices necessary for the wider community.

community.

This is our artitude and after the election I would hope to strengthen it not only hy meetings at top level but in all

Mr Murray, speaking at the Ilford meeting about the social contract, said that the Conservatives were offering the country a hastily dreamed-up formula for getting all the top people into a television studio for a jumbo-size chat show. "Where is that supposed to ger Britain, into the Guinness Book of Records?"

He added that the social contract was not perfect, but it was the best instrument available for containing inflation and for laying the foundations for economic progress and soc-

"It offers us the best chance of national unity in action: in action, not words. It is not a gimmick; it is an investment for the future and it is for everybody because part of its immediate aim is to take the battle against inflation into the workshops and into men's minds as well as into Parlia-meot and government.

"We don't kid ourselves that aoy attempt to heat inflatioo could be 100 per cent success-ful, but the driving force of progress and fairness of the soc-ial contract is becoming more and more widely accepted meetings at top level but in all among trade unionists. Even our policies and actions throughout the regions and at pressed with it, until the election began," he added



Boston race riots: Mr Jeau Louis André, a black parent, trying to escape from a white mob in Boston on Monday, after be was dragged from his car and heaten while driving to pick bis daughter up from school. The mob turned on the police and fought a pitched battle before he was recoved.

before he was rescued. Yesterday Mr Kevin White, the Mayor of Boston, appealed to the Federal Covernment to send United States marsbals to help his police force control the

Racial riots began in summer when a court ordered 18,000 children to be bused from one area to another to end racial segregation in schools.

The busing began on September 12 and so did white resistance, particularly in the predominantly Irish district of South Bostoo. School buses were stoned and acti-black gangs roamed the streets. The

Mr Ford announces national programme to destroy inflation

From Frank Vugl US Economics Correspondent

Washington, Oct 8 "We must whip inflation now", President Ford said today in a major speech anoouncing a vast package of new economic measures that include some 30 legislative proposals.

The President's programme, announced at a televised joint session of Congress, includes session of Congress, includes tax increases, measures to cur oil consumption, public works programmes, efforts to raise food output, cuts in public spending, tougher auti-monopoly regulations, stimulation for the depressed construction industry and a powerful call to every American to support the anti-American to support the and-inflation effort.

The package is neither as de-The package is neither as de-flationary as was expected, nor does it go far enough rowards helping the unemployed and relieving the lowest income groups from the burden of in-flation, as many leading Demo-crats had wanted.

The programme rests primarily on swift legislative action by Congress and the real test now is whether Congress will give it the support that the President today demanded. It swift to point out, in this respect the first and most important test of Mr Ford's

portant test of Mr Ford's presidency.

The President bas called for tough action in demanding tax increases just four weeks before national elections. But he stressed in his speech: "I bave been earnestly advised to wait and talk about taxes anytime and talk about taxes anytime after November 5. But I will not play politics with America's

Mr Ford noted gravely flat inflation, our present public enemy, will—unless it is whipped—destroy our country, cur homes, our liberties, our property, and finally our national pride—as surely as any well-armed wartime enemy". He demaoded sacrifice by all

and a soirit of oational unity.
He called for urgent and swift action, noting that "we have had enough early warnings. The time to intertept is almost gooe".

contraversy, taxes, the President proposed a five per cent oneyear surcharge nn the income laxes of 28 per cenr of the population. This will effect individuals earning more than \$7,500 (£3,100) a year and families with incomes in excess of \$15,000.

This surcharge is the most deflationary single aspect of the new programme. The tax increase will add \$2.6 hillion 10

the Government's income.
Corporate raxes are also to be increased by five per cent, but the companies, who provide the Treasury with \$2.1 billion of additional income by this means, are given compensatory resief. Tu stimulate production and

investment the President ad-nonuced an increase from 7 per cent to 18 per cent in reasonaments to lax deductible deamounts to tax deductible de-preciation alluwances. Further, to encurrage expansion of cor-purate equity capital and ou-crease the effectiveness of the capital markets, companies will be able to deduct averages be able to deduct expenses involved in paying dividends on qualified preferred stock from profits subject to tax.

profits subject to tax.

The increase in investment credits will give companies about \$2.7 hillion in tax relies, while the dividend deductions will give them a further \$100m. All these tax proposals by the President are subject to consequent appropriate gressional approval.

The President made only scant reference to the international economic situation, but he said towards the end of his address that "the United States has a responsibility not only to maintain a healthy economy at home, but also to seek policies which complement, rather than disrupt, the constructive efforts

His proposals are unlikely to allay widespread fears abroad of worsening international "stagflation". The President noted, however, that he today sent Ambassador William Eberle m Condo Furnish and Japan to Canada, Europe and Japan to brief foreign governments no the new economic programme.

The President also announced that schemes will be devised to replace all of the nation's oilwhites feel they are being gooe".

In the area that is likely to fired energy plants with nuclear produce the most discussion and cnal systems by 1980.

Ar Heath's warning f austerity ahead

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veryone was saying how e was the present position. how many acted as though v believed it? "I wish I ld think that the message I struck home right across land, through all our people. nay be the fault of politicians me if it has not."

erhaps their language had been right and they might a underestimated people's ize a consistent cover-up of the tion to a challenge of that truth for electoral purpose.

Saturday talk with all parties if Tories win

By Our Political Staff Mr Heath said yesterday that, on the assumption that

he wins a majority in tomor-row's general election, he will invite the leaders of all other parties and groups in the House of Commons to meet him False optimism was the most tangerous of all states of mind a government of national uoity.

False optimism was the most tangerous of all states of mind for men in government. People of his age could oot help result in the war years said: "We shall be cut of his age could oot help result in the mind a government of national uoity.

At his campaign customers the second the months before the Second the months here."

perate foreboding the months before the Second World War wheo honourable and intelligent men in government had been leader, hedged knowing that on Suoday he will have to face a buoyed up by false optimism. recalcitrant rank and file be-fore he commits bimself to any "False optimism blew up in our faces. We were in a war which we won through suffercoalition. After Mr Heath bad spoken, Mr Wilson made clear that coalition is not for him; ing, bravery, and a measure of luck. We can count on the he has no intention of model-ling himself on Ramsay Mac-Donald in 1931. As Mr Wilson bravery again and the suffering; we cannot count oo the luck. saw it, Mr Heath's proposal bad "Labour spokesmen have to be seeo as a gimmick to salbeen telling as that on the whole everything is pretty good. vage the Conservatives' electo-

ral prospects. Mr Heath said he was bring-ing forward "the crisis agenda for action after Thursday". With a Conservative majority, Whatever the reason, one g is clear. Not all our fellow ens are yet prepared for t is 10 come. It will come quickly. Anybody who Election news, pages 4 and 5 and unless he has a majority the leaders of the other parties to see me on Saturday and I will publish without delay the best

forecast we can produce of what looks like bappening to Britain this winter and next year. At this meeting we shall start the process of hammeriog out a common policy for the crisis: for iodustry, agriculture, and wages. Leaders of the CBL TUC, farmers, retailers and consumer groups will be brought in early next week."

As Mr Heath sees it, the

cash to agriculture.

2 The beginning of the Conservative price stabilization programme based on agreement with all the interest groups concerned, iocluding a return to the search for voluntary agreement on pay.

3 Conservatives would procese the creation of machinery to deal with relativities problems

4 They would propose ways of getting the housing industry hack on its feet.

5 They would begin the intro-duction of the Conservative protection measures, including the 91 per cent mort-gages for would be bouseowners. six-monthly pension reviews, action to help ratepayers, and measures to protect small savers.

6 Conservatives would put an Continued on page 4, col 4 whom died.

Warders get 18 months for killing S African

There is to be an official inquiry into the Snuth African Prisons Department after a judge's complaints of torture and "barbaric" assaults on prisuners in a Transvaal jail, revealed during the trial of five warders.

Mr. J. T. Kruger, the Mimster of Justice, said in Cape Town today he had called for the com-plete record of the case and would decide on the scope of the investigation after studying the record.

Three warders at the Leeuwkop jail, two whites and a black, were jailed for 18 months while another white was given a year's jail with senrence suspended. A second black was given a six-month suspended jail sentence. They had been found guilty uf assaulting two prisoners, one of

As Mr Heath sees it, the leads of agreement are clear: From Our Correspondents

Mr Justice Hiemstra, said in in an editorial today: "The an isolated instance. Had one the Raod Criminal Court in secrecy of the Prisons Act with prisoner not died there would in food supplies and restoring of the Raod Criminal Court in secrecy of the Prisons Act with prisoner not died there would be an its draconian provisions and being before he are nounced sentence that the assault was "harbaric, cruel and inhuman". As he announced the punishment about 150 people, mostly blacks, in the public gallery whistled, hissed and shouted: "They should rot

> Outside the court a young barrister quivering with emotion said: "This makes a complete mockery of buman life. To give a man a suspended sentence on a charge like this is preposterous. It is unbelievable.

Mr Justice Hiemstra said the trial had revealed " serious evils the prisons department Last week the South African Government announced that there is to be a special commission of inquiry into the couo-try's penal system but excluding study of the retention of the death penalty.

The Johannesburg Star said

penalties makes it impossible for newspapers or anyone else except a judge in his court and parliament itself to launch a serious and factual inquiry into the conditions in South Africa's over-filled jails.

"This Act, supposedly to pro-tect prisoners, bas turned out tu tbeir worst enemy. Minister of Justice, taking cog-niscance of Judge Heimstra's fiodings, and many other allegations of brutality made in dif-ferent courts, should ensure they are part of the commis-sion's brief and should also reconsider the working and application of an Act whose secrecy provisions protect prison bullies rather than the prisoners."

of assaults in the prison were

have been nothing disclosed outside of the prison walls."

Although there was no proof of the theft the two men had been "mercilessly assaulted".

The African who died, Mr Lucas Khoaripe, aged 29, bad been suspected of stealing 60 rand (£38) at Leeuwkop prison near Johannesburg. Medical evidence was that he died from heart failure caused by bruising of the heart through baton hlows and kicks. He had two broken ribs and other injuries including "tram line" marks on his chest due to baton blows.

The judge said there bad heen a quite hopeless and incompetent lovestigation of the Mr Justice Hiemstra said in alleged theft. "The baton must his judgment: "No one was so fix everything", he said. "For naive to believe that the series intelligent detective work they have no time nor interest.

ion pressure r Thorpe says

hristopher Walker an attack on the "so d" social contract, Mr pe last night accused Mr Secretary of State for loyment, of bowing to ture from powerful trade

dressing rallies in two n markets, the Liberal r declared that there were any interpretations of the oct as there were ministers e Cabinet. Some ministers the contract included overs, but Mr Foot had adamant that it did nut.
pparently the Ford settlewhich averages 38 per increases over two years, thin the social cootract, as the BBC settlement, includes increases aver-20 per cent, is ont", Mr e said.

o polis show Labour lead

our have a 14.5 per cent according to a National n Poll in today's Daily t shows that 45.5 per cent ple intend to vote Labour, unservative, and 19.5

Horris Poll in the Daily s shows a Labour lead of cent with 431 per cent ple voting Labour, comwith the Tories' 33.5 and berals' 20.

loonists die ,500ft fall

experienced balluonists n Birmingham yesterday beir balloon was caught bulence at abour 1.500ft began to lose height. before it hit the it lost air completely. dead men were Mr d Adams, aged 26 of, nipton, the British and i balloon champion, and cheel Sparks, aged 36, of

r Foot bows to Prime Minister says to scrap Labour policies would cost families £1 a week

Mr Wilson claimed last uight that to abandon Labour Govern-ment policies on rents, subsidies and price controls would cost the average family £1 a week. He was speaking in Rochester and Chatham, where Mrs Peggy Fenner, former shoppers' watchdog in the last Conservative government, clings to a majority of 843.

They have attempted to organ-

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To drop Labour's policy nuw, the Prime Minisrer said, would mean sufferiog for the badlyoff families, the pensioners and all those for whom the basic subsidized foods formed a large part of the household hudget. The immediate rise in prices that would follow if a Conservative government reversed what

Photofit pictures of twn girls were issued last night by de-

tectives investigating the Guild-

ford public huuse bomb attacks. The girls had been in both the Horse and Groom and the Seven

Stars, chatting to soldiers shortly before the bombs went

The first was described as 5ft 6in tall, about 26 years old, with long blonde hair, possibly

dyed, heavy make-up, and wear-

The secund girl was 5ft 8in

tall, possibly 22 years old, with long, dark hair and a round face,

she was wearing a sweater with coloured stripes.

Mr Christopher Rowe, Assistant Chief Constable of Surrey,

who is leading the search for the bombers, said that 10 minutes before the blust the girls were sitting in the soug at

the Horse and Groom, where the bomb went off killing five

He added: "They were chat-ting up the soldiers and have been mentioned to us by two or three different people who were in there. Two girls of the same description were seen by several

description were seen by several people down in the Seven Stars."

ing a light-coloured jacket.

tban most family budgers could

Govarnment had succeeded in cutting the rise in the food price index by 6 to 8 per cent.
"On subsidies alone", he said "the steps taken by Labour will soon be worth 75p a week to the average family of four.

For the old age pensioner couple the saving is about 45p a week on rop of the biggest ever increase in the pension. The result of all these measures is that the increase in food prices has been cut by nearly a half. Price rises are slowing down."
It was Mr Wilson's most successful meeting of the campaign.

Photofit pictures of girls in pub bombings

Photofit pictures issued last night by detectives investigating the Gulldford bombings.

The police were satisfied they were oot members of the WRAC who were there, most of whom with them and they were satisfied they will be a satisfied they were satisfied t

who were there, most of whom with them and they were satisfied that the girls bad nothing through ao alley near the two through an alley near the two through an alley near the two through a like state.

tions were issued, have been eliminated from the inquiries, surrey police said yesterday.

The police also said that inquiries bad also eliminated several local people.

public houses, whose descrip-tions were issued, have been

Labour had done would be more different from what he has been saving throughout his travels, but, as he hir hard at hecklers. ruthlessly crushing every un-friendly interruption, he clearly won the hearts of the faithful

With Mr Walker, sbadow Secretary of State for Defence, addressing another meeting elsewhere in the constituency, the Prime Minister said he expected that Mr Walker's imagi-narion would be well used over Labour's defence review.

There was no question, he wem on, of closing any of the naval dockyards. It would be a wasre of national skills and resources to close any of these yards and they were essential to He did not say anything very the nation's defence.

Peace prize for Japanese and lrish statesman From Our Correspondenr

Oslo, Oct 8
The Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Storting (Parlia-menr) today awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1974 to Mr Eisaku Sato, of Japan, and Mr Sean MacBride, of Irelaud.
A brief statement said that the award to Mr Sato was for his policy of reconciliation between the nations of East Asia and for his consistent fight against atomic weapons.

Mr MacBride, a former Irish Foreign Minister, received the award in recognition of his struggle for buman rights. He is now Utited Nations Commissioner for Namibia

They now believe that the bomb in the Horse and Groom,

which is thought to have con-

tailed more than 101b of explosive, was in a plastic type holdall with a zip fastener. The

bomb left at the Seven Stars is thought to bave been placed in

a paper bag as no trace of any

hold all has been found, It is shought that both bombs had a

carrylog such bags is asked to

So far 450 people have heen interviewed but several who

were in the Seven Stars on

Saturday night have still not

The police also want to interview any members of the WRAC who were in Guildford

on Saturday night. They have asked that any with information

abour colleagues who bave Irish sympathies should get in touch

viction of the bombers.

hospital yesrerday.

The National Federation of Licensed Victuallers vesterday offered up to £1,000 reward for information leading to the con-

Fourteen victims were still io

get in touch with the police.

Anyone who saw

timing device.

come forward.

wirh them.

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The rest of the news

Miners: Coal board gives little hope of national output honus Price sisters: Mr Jenkins denies rumours of their early removal to Ulster

Police chief's money: Court told of vice list found in officer's wardrobe W Germany: Fallopian tube transplanted by surgeon Telephone service: Users

about cuts at Christmas M62 bomb trial: Police chief describes tests on woman who was released Universities warning: Cut in activities unless Government helps, vice-chancellor says 3 Portugal: Leader lunches with Gen Spinola as juota is

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By Our Labour Editor

terday gave mioers' leaders little hope of a change of heart on productivity bergaining that would ellow a union scheme based on nationally measured output to be introduced.

wingers, for wintam McLean, secretary of the Scottish miners. Mr Arthur Scattish miners. Mr Arthur Scattish the Yorkshire president, and Mr Emlyn William, South Wales president, are joined by Mr Frank Gormill, leader of the Scottish miners. output to be introduced.

Mr Norman Siddall, deputy chairmeo of the board, uoder-took to report the strongly political terms for a oational incentiva scheme laid down by the National Union of Mineworkers to a full meeting of the ceal boerd on Friday. He indicated at a negonating meeting with the union yesterday there was little chance of the board's going along with the NUM's demands.

Mr Siddall warned NUM leaders that coal output was runoing well below target: weekly production was nearly balf a million tons short of the

2.7 million tons needed.
In case the coal board should he willing to renego-tiate its present offer of pro-ductivity bonuses based ou coalface performance. He NUM executive yesterday set up o working party of eight to draw up a scheme that would

The National Coal Board yes be put forward. Three left-terday gave mioers' leaders lit- wingers, Mr William McLean,

the Scottish craftsmen, who usually side with the left-wing usually side with the left-wing Scots area; toare are also four moderates, Mr Sidney Vincent, of Laocashire, Mr Thomas Callan, of Durbam, Mr Thomas Bartle, of the Durbam mechanics, and Mr Robert Main, of Northumberland Mr Len Clarke, Nottinghamahire preside or and chief strategist of the moderates, refused to join the working party.

of the moderates, refused to join the working party.

Not one of these men has voted with the residual group of four on the NUM executive that was last week willing to put the coal board's prescot pit-based scheme out to ballot, After the NUM executive's rejection of the coal board scheme, end demends for a notional deal thot will give all miners the same bonus irrespective of the work they do, the coal board is near to despair in its negotiations.

Attempts over the past two

draw up a scheme that would fit in with the mioers' terms.

Memberahip of thet committee gives a strong pointer to the militants of the kind the militants now insist on have failed.

Phone users complain at Christmas reductions

The Post Office Users' National Council criticized the Post Office yesterday for oot consulting it about Christmas cuts in talephooe services. Its chairman, Lord Peddie,

said: "We were not consulted and we take the strongest possible exception to the ection that has been taken."

Suspended services, nounced earlier, include alarm calls, transfer charge calls, person-to-person calls requests for checking engaged tones. Directory inquiries will also be seriously restricted. The moves follow union

pressure to allow more telephonists to bave Christmas off. The Users' Council said yesterday that it bad sent a letter to the Post Office and to Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Industry. It pointed out that the Post Office Act, 1969, said that ony important changes in the normal running of the aervice had to be discussed with the council.

It was worried about people wantiog to call their families on Christmas Day but who would not be able to transfer the charge.



London wine waiters and waitresses showing their skill in a race over 100 yards in Lincoln's Inn Fields yesterday. The full, opened bottle of wine and four glasses on each tray were supposed to arrive at the finish intact (Diary, page 18).

Journalists study TV companies' offer

By Alen Hamilton

Labour Smif Journalists employed by 14 regional independent television regional independent television companies are today expected to accept a 19 per cent pay offer and end their dispute which has blacked out local television news programmes. The 160 journalists bod been realized and television to the total television in the total televis

Robert White, a gang leader,

described at the Central Crim-

inal Court yesterday the eight

when a boy aged 16 was shot

Fire at school

Teachers led two hundred childreo to safety as fire swept through a carridor at Princess

Frederica School, Purves Road, Willesden, yesterday.

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Gang leader describes

shooting in cemetery

put the offer to union office branches, of the compenies dispute last waak, 80 journaconcerned. Provisional acceptance of the deal came after Television News in London
the Iodepeodent Television ended e three-day strike when
Compenies Association, representing the employera, had also
per cent, but with odditional agreed to a further review of journalists' selerles on eo iodi-

seeking parity with their colleagues in the BBC.

After several days uf negutiations under the auspices of the Governmeot's Conciliation and Arbitration Service, had conded yesterday, the National Union of Journalists agreed to accept the to hold out for extra "danger the provincial journalists decided out to recew their strike.

The National Union of Journalists said yesterday that the television companies' offer atill union of Journalists agreed to ing in Northern Ireland.

Police helmets back

Lincolnsbire police bave reintroduced the tall beliner for

men on the beat, who have been wearing peak caps for the past

improvements in fringe bene-fits. After the return to work

Vice list 'in wardrobe of police Mr White told the jury that he and the others, including Mr Whitaker, were touring derellet houses in the erea looking chief'

when a boy aged 16 was shot dead in a Loudon cemetery. He said the shooting was done by a member of the gang, Francis Quinn, who had been living in a hippy culony where drustaking was a feature of lite.

Mr White, uged 32, and Mr Quinn, aged 28, both of nu fixed address, have pleaded uniguilty to the murder of Christopher Whitaker. A third man, lay murmuring, holding his hand A file listing establishments used for prostitution and gambling was found in a wardrobe at the bome of Peter Godber, the former Hongkong police chief superintendent, it was alleged at Bow Street Magis trates' Court yesterday.

gullty to the murder of Christopher Whitaker. A third man, lay murmuring, holding his hand to his head. "Quinn loaded the Prayie Grove, Cricklewood, Loodon, denies hurying the body lie was on the floor", Mr White land the arrest of the said. The allegation came in an affidavit read at the extradi-tion hearing before Sir Fraok Milton, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. The Hongkong Gov ernment seeks Mr Godber's return for allegedly corruptly occepting a bribe to promote a Chinese police officer.

Prayle Grove, Create body to Loodon, denies hurying the body to impede the arrest of the said.

Other two. Mr White and Mr Quinn also deny having a shurtened shotgun with inteot to commit an indictable offence.

It is alleged that Mr White body. Mr Dalton, who had nothing to do with the shooting, helped because he teld him to. Mr White said he dug in Neasden because they thought he was a police in former.

Then he fied to Ireland.

The trial continues todoy. Chinese police officer.

Mr Christopher French, for the Hongkong Government, read an affidavit by Supt Robert Irvine, of the Hongkong Anti-Corruption Commission, which referred to the finding of files in Mr Godber's wardrobe to Hongkong after a search war rant had been issued.

One file, it was stated had a

One file, it was stated, hod a list of illegal establishments with prefix initials denoting the type of crime involved. "DD" meant dangerous drugs; "W & J", women and juveniles; and "FB", female barber's

There were also references to Chinese gambling and apart-ments used for casual prositu-

W and J indicated females, and particularly young ones, available for prostitution and indecent octs. DD indicated places where heroin and opium were available for consumption. FB was a female-operated barber's shop and coffee shop operated by scantily clod women where vorious forms of indecency were carried out for payment. There was also a reference to "blue" films.

The affidavit said that police inquiries into sources of income, of both Mr Godber ond his wife, Jean, had failed to disclose ony other sources thon Mr Godber's salary.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, representing Mr Godber, said yesterday that be would have to opply for n further adjournment of the case because of a matter that had "arisen overnight" and because affidavits were still awaited from serving officers in the Hongkong police.

Mr Codber, aged 52, of The Cottage, Iden Lock, near Rye, Sussex, returned to Britain last year. and J indicated females,

Laier Mr Scrivener, spoke of two files on a posting conference in Hongkong concerned with the oppointment as divisional superiotendent of Mr Cbeng, the officer referred to in the higher charges.

one of the files bad "gooe missing in London", he said. It gave the history of the posting of Mr Cheng. Mr French said he would try to check its where-

he would try to check its waereebouts.

Mr Scrivener read an affidaylt by Mr Russell White,
former Assistant Commissioner
of Hongkong Police, living in
Alicante, Spain.

He stated that Mr Edward

He stated that Mr Edward Shave, as assistant commissioner, establishments branch, was the key man to decide postings. He added: "It is nonsense to suggest that Mr Godber was able to use any influence on senior members of the furce to secure postings on promotion."

The hearing was adjourned to a date to be fixed. Meanwhile Mr Godber, who is in custody, will have to appear weekly in court. He will eppear for formal remand tumorrow.

Tests on woman after **Euston explosion**

Det Chief Supt Rex Lewis said at the M62 coach bomb trial at Wakefield Crown Court. West Yorksbire, yesterday, that the defeodant, Judith Tbaresa Ward, hed swab tests taken of her hands after an explosion in Euston station to see whether the station to interview Miss Ward. Then she was allowed to go.

At 1.15 pm on Mooday, Septher hands after an explosion of the sergeant said, there was a explosion of the sergeant said. Eustoo station to see whether she had been to contact with explosives. Two of the tests

proved positive.

Before the result was known, he continued. Miss Ward had been released on his authority but a 24-hour watch was kept on her for several weeks after-

Mr Lewis said Miss Ward told him: "I am a supporter of the IRA. I want to see the six counties returned to Ireland."

bus on the M62 at Birkensbaw, near Bradford, last February. She has also denied causing explosions et the National Defeoce College, Latimer, Buckingbamshire, at Euston, and in the army bus likely to endanger life or property.

Before more witnesses were called yesterday, Mr Justice Waller said witnesses could write down their names

write down their oames A railway police sergeant, whose name was not disclosed, sold he thought Miss Ward was

Political Correspondent

Ulster.

Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary,

yesterday deniad that Dolours

and Marian Price, the IRA

bombers serving life sentences

sions last March, were obout

to be transferred to a jail in

Speaking of Labour's press

conference in London, he said the Guildford outrage had not affected his consideration of the question. The position was as in June, when he said that he would decide on compassionate and security grounds. There was no undertaking that the transfer would be made before Christmas.

The Government was deter-

At 1.15 pm on Mooday, September 10, the sergeant said, there was an explosion of the

Mr John Cobb, QC, for the prosecution, read o statement alleged to have been made by Miss Ward to army sccurity officers in Northern Ireland. It described bow, after a man named Micbael Kelly bed invited her to supply details of army security, she visited army beadquarters at Thiepval Bar-racks, Lishurn.

Det Sergeant Thomas Alexander Baker, of the Eri-tish Transport Police, said that Miss Ward, aged 25, of Stockport, Greeter Manchester, has
pleeded not guilty to the murder of 12 people in an army
bus on the M62 at Birkensbaw, and Elieeo Gately were or the station swearing and shouting abuse at the police.

Later the same evening he saw the two women talking to a man for whom he was search ing. All cbree were taken to the police office at Eustoo station and searched. Miss Ward had correspondence with telephone oumbers and other references to the IRA. The oext day the man, James Patrick Diamood, was being sought, all three having beeo released.

Det Sergeant Peter Owen, at

station on August 26 last year.

She told him she had travelled from Dublin overnight and was resting before going to Kilburn to look for friends.

Her rucksack contained a scrapbook with newspaper cuttings about IPA.

Det Sergeant Peter Owen, at the time stationed with the Special Branch of Holybead, spoke of an interview with Miss Ward. He said: "I asked her whom the said is thought of the London hombs and she replied: Sean Mac is scrapbook with newspaper cuttings about IPA. scrapbook with newspaper cutshe meant by Sean Mac, and
tings about IRA activities. He
again she just smiled."
The trial continues today.

mined to take every possible measure against the Irisb ter-rorists. A ban on the IRA and control of travel between Ire-land and Great Britaio had been

rejected during the period of

help.
"I have always kept an opeu

mind on this, as did my pre-decessor", Mr Jenkins said.
"If I were odvised that it was

necessary or desirable to take measures of this sort I would

of course consider them very seriously indeed.

"But whenever one is con-fronted with horrible iocidents such as the one at Guildford— the last occurred in July—they make n great import, which is understandable".

Ulster attack reprisal for Guildford

Dublin

A man with a sub-machine gun who climbed from a Jaguar car in Belfast vesterday and sprayed Roman Carholic building workers with bullets, wounding two seriously, was said later by the illegal Protestant Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) to have been carrying out "retuliatory action" for the bombings in Guildford and for recent acts of violence in Nertbern Ireloud.

An anonymons telepbone An anonymons telephone caller to a local newspaper, who

save a codeword to prove that he spoke for the extremist UFF, said his organization, which has been maintaining a ceasefire sioce the summer, reserved the right to take action against members of the Romon Catbolic committy if Protestants were

community if Protestants were attacked.

The shooting occurred in Lisburn Road, scarcely two miles from the city centre. A Cortina car with five Romao Catholics drew up of the site of the f9m extension to the City Hospital. One left the vehicle to clock in his mate and a men stepped in his mate and e men stepped from the parked Jaguar, walked slowly to the Cortica, and opened fire. Bullets hit two of his victims io the back. All five Roman Catholics were from the Andersoostown housing estate Four bomb explosions in Belfast in quick succession yesterday evening wrecked two hars and a supermarket and destroyed a warehouse. Two packages of explosives were left at White's Tavern in the gated security area, and at the Monaco Bar, but both were noticed by customers though there was no

warning. They caused only minor damage. But explosives placed beside Lipton's super-

Mr Jenkins, with some emo-tion, said he had seen the vic-nms of the car bombs and those injured at Guildford. "I will take any measures

which I am convinced will

reduce this intolerable threat

to the security of life in this

"I mean to follow closely the odvice of those who bove to carry out the difficult and devoted job of maintaining our security."

"Cell ready": Republicon

"Cell ready": Republicon sources in London, who say that a "mock run" in preparation for moving the sisters was made last month, said yesterday that o move was "most unlikely" until next month at the earliest (a Staff Reporter writes).

country", be said.

Mr Jenkins denies that Price sisters are to leave Brixton

market in Castle Street destroyed much of the stock. Across the road from the super-market, the fourth bomb ex-ploded in o three-storey dress warehouse and within 10 minutes a fire burnt out the huilding. Several women suf-fered shock but there were no

injuries. In Belfast yesterday, Mr Harry West, leader of the official Unionist Party, and Mr William Craig, the Vanguard Party leader, called for the death peoalty for sectariao murderers in Northern Ireland. Other Processors politicians between the lestant politicians have in the past called for the return of capital punishment to Ulster, it was formally done away with in the province only last year, but this is the first time that the two leaders have together pub-licly called for the death

In Dublin yesterday, there were violent scenes io the public gallery of the Special Criminal Court when the editor of An Phoblacht, the provisional Sinn Fein newspaper, was sen-tenced to 15 months' imprisonmeet for heing a member of the IRA. Mr Eamoo MacTomais, of Clonmel Road, Ballymun, said after heing secteoced: "Every newspaper editor in Ireland had better clear out of his office." Letitia Campbell, of Harty Place, South Circular Road, Dublin, jointly charged with Mr MacTomais for possession and publication of an incriminating document, was acquit-ted. When the decision was announced shouring and stampand the south in the gallery, and the judges ordered it to be cleared. At the entraoces there were scuffles with the police.

been prepared for them in Armagh prison, where they would be oble to pursue Open University courses. A republican said: "We expect the girls to be in the North of Ireland for Christmas."

Mr Jenkins said in June that the sisters were likely to be io Northern Ireland by the end of

Making martyrs: Hanging ter-rorists would simply make marryrs of them, Mr Callag-han, Foreign Secretary, told a caller on BBC radio's Election Call yesterday (the Press Asso-ciotion reports).

"What is taking place has been so outrageons that I bordly dare give vent to my feelings in describing it, and I

Class gap in infant deaths, chief **MO** says

Fram Our Currespondent Harrogate

Wide gaps in privilege still existed between social classes. reflected in the ratio of lofant denths, Sir John Brotherston Chief Medical Officer fur the Scottish Home and Health Department, told a Royal lasti. tute of Public Health and Hygiene conference in Harro gate yesterday, Infant mortality had declin-

ed since 1948, yet the ratio of deeths between higher and lower social groups remained the same. "We do not adequately belp some of the less privileged people with their prob-lems". Sir John said. People had been thinking more about the reorganization of the bealth service structure than getting citizens' involvement.

The heelth service was per. baps the most auccessful and least controversial postwar social reform, but there was still a need for criticism.

a need for criticism. It should be easier for the individual to criticize and comment. It was not enough to think that cummunity health council

were the complete solution.
The councils most have suffi cient information from inside the health service if they were to function properly.

Cardiff keeps bus licence after warning

Cardiff City Council's trans port department is to retain in liceuce to operate luses, South Wales Traffic Commissioners decided yesterday. They said it would probably do more ham than good to revoke it.

The department summoned to sbuy its licence should not be suspended or revoked after com-plaints and a petition about buses running late.

The commissioners warned the department against compla

Troops return to Heathrow

Armed troops set up patrols and road blocks around Heatrow alreart, Londoo again yes, terday. They arrived at days in Ferret armoured vehicles and caused long queues a

A police spokesman said;
"The troops have returned to the airport as part of the next phase of their operation, which has been operating at irregular year ".

Printing union

talks adjourned

Pay talks covering 5,000 skilled printing workers in the national newspaper industry were adjourced after fire bours yesterday and will resume again on Friday (our Lobour Staff writes). The National Grapbical Association is seeking 8 per cert more for its ing 8 per cent more for is Fleet Street members. The other printing union

bave been offered a 7 per cent two-stage pay deal, plus im-provements in fringe benefits.

Turkish woman jailed A Turkish woman who killed her daughter's lover by pout-ing boiling cooking oil over him was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for four years after being found guilty of mansloughter. Mrs. Necmiye Mustafa, aged 39, a West Hendon Broadway, Hendon, was acquitted a murdering Mustafa Seast aged 27, the father of her daughter's illegitimate child.

Ford pay talks restart after strikers go back By Raymond Perman Labour Staff We majorain the

in Brixton prison for their part in the London car bomb explo-sions last March, were obout was that neither atep would

The situation has become an election issue because of its implications for the social contract, but it is almost certain that there will be no settlement before the poll. Union leaders have made clear that detailed discussions still have to take place on the conditions the company has put on the offer, and Among the insulations."

The company told unions on Monday that unless there was the new monday that unless there was a return to normal working, a return to normal working, and there would be broken off and there would be broken off and there would be broken off and there was supported by the service of the body and assembly plants from being mode idle last night. have said that all workers will be consulted on the final decision

hundred craftsmen who had heen on strike since Thursday been on strike since Thursday returned to work and were fullowed by four bundred production workers, whose walkout on Monday had threatened to bolt output

The most important decision was taken by a thousand strikers in the press shop, where body panels are made. They voted overwhelmingly to return to work and to accept the improved offer recommended by the unions. That will give them immediate rises of £12.29 a week, bringing their pay to £61.37. Mr Arthur Flicker, their spinkesman, said they had voted to return to work to assist io

By Raymond Perman

Labour Staff

Talks are to resume today on Ford's £63m pay offer to its 53,000 manual workers, after strikers of Dagenham decided yesterday to return ro work.

The situation bas become an election issue because of its important to the completion of the claim. We maiotain the right to pursue our claim, for time and a third for three-shift workers and average earnings for holiday pay, at o future date. We recognize these cloims cound of negotiations."

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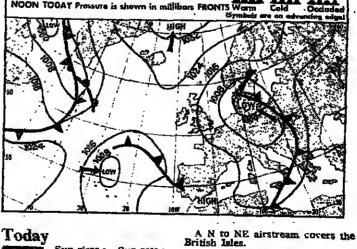
Among the issues to be resolved are the length of the agreement, the company favour-Prospects for a peaceful solntion look brighter. About five hundred craftsmen who had see Mr Leo Murray, TUC gen-

The company wants a "atatement of intenr" on productivity improvements, but has not costed any significant gains it bopes to make.

Instead, Ford wants the unions to withdraw an assertion mede after the last pay agreement, ir April, that as wage rises had been limited by Phase Three the company could not expect the normal conference from its workers that would follow freely negotiated frcely negorioted

Weather forecast and recordings

writes). think everybody must feel the A "nicely painted" cell had same", he said.



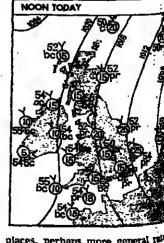
Today Sun rises : Suo sets : 7.14 am 6.21 pm Moon scts : Moon rises : New Moon : October 15. Lightleg up: 6.51 pm to 6.45 am.

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High water: London Bridge, 7.25
am, 6.1m (20.0ft); 8.8 pm, 6.2m
(20.3ft). Avonmouth, 12.40 am,
10.4m (34.1ft); 1.10 pm, 10.4m
(24.0ft). Dover. 4.53 am, 5.6m
(18.3ft); 5.40 pm, 5.5m (18.1ft).
Hull, 12.23 pm, 6.0m (19.6ft).
Liverpool, 5.15 am, 7.1m (23.4ft);
5.45 pm, 7.2m (23.7ft).

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Central, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny periods, scattered showers; wind N. moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C or 13°C (54°F or 55°F).
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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE England, East
Anglia: Rather cloudy at times,
sunny intervals, occasional
showers, heavy in places; wind N,
moderote or fresh, strong locally;
max temp 11°C or 12°C (52°F or
52°F)





places, perhaps more general later; wind NW, fresh or strol max temp 11°C or 12°C (52°F Outlook for tomorrow and friday: Sunny intervals, showed mostly in E districts, rather confrost in places at right.

Sea passages: S North Sea Strait of Dover: Wind N, strong of gale; sea rough or very rough. English Channel (El, St George, Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N, frest or strong; sea moderate or rough.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am 7 pm, 13°C (55°F): min. 7 pm 7 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 7 f 86 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 p 0.08in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 5.5 Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1.01 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.5310.



HOME NEWS.

Vice-chancellor calls for government aid in finance trouble

Frum Our Correspondent

Mr H. J. Habakkuk, Vicesity, gave a warning yesterday that if the Government did not make up the money it had looped off spending nn higher education in 1974-75 because of inflatioo there would have to more permanent cuts in

"The financial position of all universities is very grave", he said in his speech to Con- any gregation, the doos' "parliament", at the start of his second year of office.

university activity.

Oxford woold have a deficit on the year's working of £390,000, which might be iocreased when a settlement was reached with the 1,600 ooo-academic staff in accordance with the social cootract, something soy employer would wish for

Universities had nooe of the neans available to other employers to meet

cannot increase our lees or prices, we canoot put issurance of an additional thequer grant", he said. "! situation in which the iniversities find free collective bargaining' a very unreal and difficult concept."

Chancellor of Oxford Univer- about the ficancial future, and the last two years, 1975-76 and 1976-77, of the present fiveperiod over which the University Grants Committee allocates mooey to universities, were shrouded in uncertaioty, because the result of a recalculation of the grant was not likely to be koowo uotil Feb-

> Oxford could not cootinue to run a deficit of £390,00, or deficit at all. It must be eliminated. The vice-chancellor called for the present quinquennial system of grants to he continoed, hecause that allowed the universities flexibi-

cut in grant at Oxford would he a significant reduction in expenditure in 1974-75 and the abandonment of further developments, with the exception of the Clinical Medical School, although none of the development planned over the five years ending to 1977 had been

A moratorium had heen imposed to filling nearly all academic posts and now there were 40 or more in limbo. Any further cuts would inflict very severe damage on the central purposes of the university, the

Sit-in over students' right to pick secretary

By Our Education

About six bundred students from Warwick University occupied the university's new £1m arts centre yesterday, two days before its official openiog, because of a dispute with the university over the appoint-ment of a permanent secretary of the students' union.

The union bas appointed Mr Jeff Staniforth, aged 29, former treasurer of the National Union of Students and a member of the Communist Party. The post carries a salary of between £3,990 and £4,800 a year. The person appointed was to he responsible both to the university and the stu-dents' union.

But the university represent-atives and the union officials on the committee making the appointment disagreed after two rounds of interviews on the candidate most suitable for

This week the university pur restrictions oo £16,000 worth of union funds. Ooe of the

should go towards the salary of Mr Staniforth.

Mr Michael Shattock, the university's academic registrar, regretted the occupation as a needless intensification of the dispute. The senate was to he asked to meet today to discuss lt.

Cost increases icence threaten * armischool books

Steps must be takeo to avoid serious shortage of school nucls, the Educational Pub-ishers' Council said yesterday. lising costs of paper and pro-luction in the past 18 months and made the situation serious ind publishers faced sudden

The situation might soon recome acute, the council said, recause local authority figures howed that expenditure on caching aids will increase more lowly than in previous years. "Not only does this mean hat schools will find it more

nd murc difficult to equip

| Comparison of the control of the con

Scottish teachers' dispute affects 40,000 children

From Our Correspondent

Port Glasgow Almost 40,000 children were affected yesterday by a one-day unofficial strike of Scottish reachers who are demanding an immediate pay rise of £15 a

A mass meeting of 1,351 teachers from 41 primary and secondary schools in Glasgow, Lanarksbire, Dunbartonshire and Reofrewshire held in Glasgow yesterday decided that a delegate from each school should attend a meeting in Glasgow oo Friday night to press the demaod.

More than two thousand were out of touch.

secondary school teachers were on strike in Glasgow alone, where aheady almost 15,000 an interim increase of 10 per pupils in 20 secondary schools ceot backdated to last May 24.

bave been receiving part-time education. An official could not say how many children bad been sent home yesterday.

The teachers, who were led by an unofficial action commit-tee, are members of the Educational Institute of Scotland, representing more than four fifths of the teachers in Scotland; the Scotlish Secondary Teachers' Association and the Scottisb Schoolmasters' Associa-

Mr Frank McGurk, leader of the action committee, said it was felt that the three unions were out of touch.

Trawler was probably unstable on crest of wave before capsizing, expert says

rom Our Correspondent

robably in an unstable condi-ion and on the crest of a 45ft cave when she began to skid ike a car before capsizing, the repartment of Trade inquiry 71 Hull into the loss of the

cssel was told yesterday.

The opinion came from Mr
llan Giffiliao, a consultant
aval architect, who bad preored calculations on the proabilities of the cause of the isaster. Whatever happened to he 1.106-ton Gaul with a crew f 36, in an Arctic gale off forway last February hapened suddeoly and there muld have been no time to and a distress call, he said.

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muld have lasted only a been balanced statically at a noment but other factors ould have led to her founder-our calculations were based on our calculations were based on

ig from an excess of water on Borstal for girl vho blackmailed

ormer employer

rom Our Correspondent

Elizabeth Julia Freeborn, 2ed 17, a shorthand-typist, 3uld not afford £3 a week out ther £18 wages to keep her vo lurses on a farm in heshire, so she thought up a lan with her hoy friend to r £10,000, it was stated at everpool Cruwn Court

Miss Freeborn, of Church bad, Wholton, Liverpool, was und guilty of two charges of ackmail and was sent to orstal. George Halsall Segar, ted 27, a sales courdinator, of erald Close, Croxteth, Liver-tol. pleaded guilty to both targes and was jailed for 30 the issues raised during the area's needs were 460 old people. One doctor had estimated that there in the including some of the issues raised during the area's needs were to be promited frial of Sister Jessie McTavisb perly served.

The Hull trawler Gaul was her nozzle rudder broke free of the water and she broached the weather.
"Broaching is like a

skidding," Mr Gilfillan added.
"The bow and stern are waiting to accelerate in opposing directions. The stern would be attempting to accelerate due to gravity or as the waves pushed it along.

additiooal staoce could, in combination with other conditions, be of significance in creating a new situation and it may well be that soow obscured the seas from those on the bridge and a new wave condition was not

this condition."

the trawl deck. She would have In some conditions, he said, would oot be ooticed, but if the vessel was pitching and rolling those on the bridge

> It would take time for the water to build up but eventually it would affect the stability of the vessel.

Mr Gilfillan said the Gaul was well above the minimum international safety recommeda-tions. Answering Mr Geoffrey Brice, for the Department of Trade, he said be would not like to put more emphasis on any one of the possibilities that had been put forward to account for the loss of the Gaul than on

"We are in the realms of con-jecture, and to speculate any further would he to speculate on speculation", he added.

The inquiry cootinues today.

Government inquiry into Scots geriatric care urged

ber in bar in Edin-burgh, Leith, has made the Labour candidate in Edin-burgh, Leith, has made the suggestion in a letter to Mr Ross, Secretary of State for Scotland.

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in the High Court in Edin-burgh, which ended on Mon-

Coal research to double in five years

Pearce Wright

ience Correspondent

Coal research in Britain ould double over the next five oing processes. Research into twersion techniques, costing out f2m a year, and is suprted by the European Coal d Steel Community. Some of e techniques are ready for the community in the large-scale. velopment into large-scale

Experiments on fluidized mbustion for getting maxiim heat energy frum coal ve reached a stage where a nerating station of 20 megaitis has been planned. Two ter high-priority projects thide the liquefaction of coal a special solvent extraction and pyrolysis.

The solvent extraction scheme ould lead to a substitute for 2 raw material of chemical ocus lines. There is, however, interim larget to use extracts

and Australia, are expanding re-search to help to increase mining and to develop more effi-put for the first six months of search to help to increase mioing and to develop mine effi-cient methods for burning coal or swith effort directed or converting it to industrial or conly processes. Research into collection techniques, costing twersion techniques, costing the control of the converting it to industrial or converting it to industrial raw materials. The extent to which plans presented over five or six years ago by economists, engineers and scientists in the converting to industrial or converting it to industrial raw materials. industry are being seized to soften the impact of oil price increases is being discussed at a meeting in London of the International Committee for Coal Research.

Experts from eight countries presented their revised plans after the 1973 energy crisis. Britain emphasizes the need for collaboration in Europe and bas shown willingness to share ex-

pertise.

Dr H. Messerschmidt, of Ruhrkoble AG, underlined the importance of coal to maintain security of supplies in key sectors such as electricity generation and steel-making. Although the speed of the rundown sioce the war of the German coal the war of the German coal industry was not discussed in detail, he indicated that the interim target to use extracts industry was not discussed in making carbon materials.

The governments of most of improvement in the competitive position of eoal hecause of the improvement in the competitive position of eoal hecause of the innertrainty of energy supplies at reasonable prices was being included concentration on conserving beat.

this year had not come up to expectations; it was over 6 per cent below the output for the corresponding period in 1973. The fall was attributed mainly to a reduction in manpower after changes adopted at the beginning of last year and to a fall in output caused by technical mining difficulties. Undistributed stocks had been declining rapidly.

Dr E. Gartner, of Rheinische Braunkoblenwerke AG, indicated that the Germaos were relying heavily iong-term on nuclear energy for geogration of base-load electricity with brown-coal plant for medium load stations. A high propurtion of brown-coal output theretion of brown-coal output, there-fore, would be available for producing gas, coke for electro-chemical purposes, fertilizers, iodustrial feedstocks and other

materials.
Mr F. Pot. director of tech-





By Our Political Staff Mr Prior, shadow Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday challenged Mr Wilson to name the trade union leaders who would strike specifically against the Conservative policies set out

in the manifesto. Who would vote", he asked, er the Conservative campaign conference, "against a democratically elected government of national unity? Mr Wilson and Labour were trading on the fear that the unions would obstruct a Conservative gov-

ernmeut. Mr Prior cited constant threats that to vote Conservative was to vote for a three-day week and industrial chaos io tha rinter, although Mr Leo Minray, general secretary of the TUC, had totally repudiated

that.

When challenged to provide chapter and verse, Mr Prior mentioned a speech by Mr Wilson on October 6 in Leith

when, he alleged, the Prime Minister spoke of conflict.

Mr Wilsoo threw hack Mr Prior's chollenge and asked him to withdraw it. He said that be lad not spoken in Leito on such a date. The date was wrong and a date. The date was wrong and a date. The date was wrong and the statement was wrong. Mr Carr, shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, left little doubt in his speech at Peterborough last night that the Conservatives would introduce their first Budget by November.

"It is now clear", he said, that the page Chancellor will

that the next Chancellor will have to take urgent action this autuma. Straight away we need economic measures designed for

Lord Carrington, former Con-serrative Party chairman, asked last night on BBC2 if Mr Heath should offar to stand down as leader of the party in order to facilitate the formation of a coalition. said: "The one thing I do know about Mr Heath is that he would never put his own personal interests before the interests of the country. But that does not imply anything. I happen to thing that Mr Heath is the one political leader of the three being offered to us with the guts, the sesolution and the capacity to get us out of our

Sir Keith Joseph, sbadow Home Secretary, said in Leeds that Labour's policy of reflation, Labour's policy of reflation, printing even more money at a time of high inflation, would inevitably cause mass bank-ruptcies and unemployment.

Labour leadership as being accompanying him everywhere. To find any hecklers oo the hustings be had to travel to england to speak on an anti-feot and Mr Wedgwood Benn. EEC platform.

Ev Tim Jones and Henry Stanhope If defence is not an issue on

is arguable, however, which party is most likely to benefit

from proposed cuts.

The most obvious seat at risk is Portsmouth, North, where the

320 majurity of Mr Frank Judd,

Parliamentary Under-Secretary ni State for Defence for the Royal Navy could easily be

Election notebook

Mr Wilson is not yet secure

It is widely assumed that Lebour is going to win the election. How sound is the assumption?

If everyone estitled to vote were to do so tomorrow in accordance with the intentions suggested by the opinion polis Mr Wilson i be secure : there might even he a Labour landslide. But Mr Wilson is not yet secure hecause oeither be, nor anyone else, can tell what people will decide in the last hours of the campaign and actually do at the only poll that ultimately counts.

that ultimately counts.

The Lobour Party still less reasons for anxiety. They may be expressed in three suppositions. First, some apparent supporters will change their allegiance at the last mioute. Second, a good many among the unusually high number of professedly uncommitted electors will vote other than Lahour or not at all. Third, the Labour faithful, taking victory for granted (and encouraged to do so by the opinion polls), will not turn out in sufficient force to ensure it.

All these apossibilities but especially the last.

All these nossibilities, but especially the last, together with the probability of a beavy turnout of "traditional" Conservatives (however estranged or disaffected some may have heen, and whatever their reservations about the party's leadership or policies), represent an undemable danger to Labour. Mr Wilson knows it—nobody better. He knows, moreover, that the Scottish Narionalists are likely to rob him

of at least balf a dozeo seats.

Mr Wilson'a teoura of office as Prime

Lord Hailsham

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attack on Mr Enoch Powell, this

time for saying that the last

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Seats at risk in defence dispute

l'eter Walker and Mr Eldon ordnance factory lo Chorley, Griffiths, both former Lancashire, could reduce the ministers, have tried to make capital out of what this might mean to the country's security and employment prospects. It constituencies housing ordnance which make it the 2568 Johnst man

polling day it will not he for want of trying to make it so.
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returns

By Marcel Berlins

Minister is not assured. He could still be dis-lodged if "everyone" of anti-Labour inclination did vote and a substantial number of his own

George Hntchinson

followers did not, It should not be forgotten (hut ton often is) that even with all the drama of the last election Labour's share of the poll, 37.1 per cent, was the lowest since 1931. Can Labour be expected to equal or exceed that tomorrow, without the challenge of February, the spur of the three-day working week, accompanying blackout and so-called confrontation? Mr Wilson cannot feel

Oo an objective reading, the Tories could win if enough of the recent dissidents were to swallow their doubts and vute Conservative In that simple truth lies hope for Mr Heath. In that simple truth lies hope for Mr Heath. In the event of a really serious defear he would probably feel impelled to resign the party leadership at once, almost overnigh. No informed Conservative can contemplate that possibility with anything but dismay. Santiment apart, his parliamentary colleagues include no nue of comparable political stature—and they all acknowledge it. Whatever his shurtcomings, real or imagined, the Tory Party would be in poor ahape without Mr Heath. For Mr Wilson, defeat would he a disappointment but not a personal disaster. His length of service as Prime Minister (this is his third administration) is by now sufficiently outadministration) is by now sufficiently out-standing for him to be able to retire in reasonably good heart. There would be no occasion for despair.

Mr Powell has planned his tactics with care

By Christopher Warman "Good morning. This is Enoch Powell, your United Ulster Unionist candidate." As Mr Powell opens another canvass-Powell opens another canvassing session on the neat Protestant housing estates be visits in his constituency of Down, South, it is odd to bear those words coming from a voice which its owner describes unflatteringly as "my ugly accent compounded of Birmingbam, Staffordshire and Australia".

He pleases his constituents by telling them that be is trying

Speaking in Preston, he said:
"Mr Powell is so intent for personal reasons on ruining Mr Heath that no attack, however violeot, however irrational, is beyond bim in his prasent frame elling them that be is trying hard to exchange it for the beautiful lilting language of Ulster. But the more I practise, the further out of reach it is." It does not prevent him nevaribeless from declaring: "I am one of you by adoption." Mr Powell's statement on the causes of inflation was the opposite of the truth and he "either knows it or, io his desire to destroy Mr Heath at whalever cost to the country,

workers. At Plymouth, Devon-port, where the dockyard is less at risk, Dr David-Owen, another majority is 1,887.

at Derby, North.

Furoess, where Labour has a

5,107 majority, 15,000 are employed by Vickers.

At Yarrow's shipyard on the Clyde, the 5,000 work force could bave an impact upon Glasgow, Govan, where the Labour majority is 543. Not far away is the Roya! Navy's submarine base at Fasiage.

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There are army and RAF interests in York, where Cooservatives have 831, and in Pembroke, where they have 1,479.

There is a small defence contin-

At Barrowin

Lord Hailsbam criticized Mr Wilson's election campaign as having "degenerated into noth-ing better than sustained abuse However out of place the voice sounds, it is no more incongruous than several other features of the ninth election campaign of Enoch Powell. He the Conservative Party and Mr Hcath ", and referred to the Labour leadership as being has a personal police guard

South, is not merely to win-that is taken for granted in a constituency where the loyalists are in the majority. He wants to maximize the Unionist vote to demonstrate that as an out-sider be is accepted here and to show Westminster the force of bis causa.

As he moves with unflagging energy through the large rural constituency, Mr Powell concentrates exclusively on Ulster's fight to remain British. He mentions the problems of inflation and the EEC to bis letter to electors, but at meetings he has no time for these issues. The loyalist electors want to know bow he is going to save the union, how he is going to prevent them heing sold to the republic. They want to remain British, but as yet they caonor he bothered about Britain's troubles.

Although he bas strongly espoused the Ulster cause, there is still a certain suspicion about bis motives, and as he explained at his press conference of Mon-day his political ambition is still intact. "He is using us but we are using bim", a Unionist poli-

Farmers demand pledge on cattle prices By Hugh Clayton

An immediate pledge of a

guaraotee to protect farmers from plunging livestock prices was demanded from the Prime Minister yesterday by Sir Heury Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union. He said that Mr Peart, Minister of Agricul-ture, had said in July that be would act if retures to beef pro-ducers fell below £18 a live cwt.

"Prices are below even this level and the minister's slaughter premium payments are inadequate to redress the

Fight for the 39 vital marginals: Part 15

Hemel Hempstead

Description

Although Hemel Hemostead is one of Britain's "new towns" a series of charters records its historical importance long before it was chosen as one of the centres to accommodare London's overspill popula-tion. The boom of the 1950s changed it from a picturesque

market centre to an industrialbased urban area straddling a modern centre. Giants of the engineering and aerospace industries moved into the town. This century it has remained staunchly Conservative, apart from a brief exception in the

from a brief exception in the 1920s when dense fog trapped many commutars in London on polling day.

Many other towns in Britain can look with envy at Hemel Hempstead, the facilities and amenities of which make it a highly desirable place for the highly desirable place for the family man. Its College of Further Education has 6,800 students, while the 22 schools pro-

Assessment

vide 9,180 places.

If the opinion polls are accurate, then the Conservatives are in danger of losing this very marginal seat for the first time sioce the 1920s. The influx of a large working-class population with the expansion of the town in the 1930s and 1960s did little to affect the Conservative little to affect the Conservative majority, and Mr Allason held the seat in 1970 with a majority of 13,000 votes.

It was not until the reorganization of electoral boundaries that his position was seriously threatened and at the lost election Mr Corbett shaved the majority to 187, making Hemel Hempstead the second most marginal Cooservative scat.

Nationalization is a key local issue with John Dickinson's paper mill and Lucas Aerospace, two of the higgest employers in the town, both said to be under investigation by the under investigation by the Department of Trade. Mr Allason has advocated the

closure of Luton airport and he wants commission tenants to he able to huy their own properties.

properties.

Mr Corbett has also been coocentrating on local issues and is opposed to any expansion of the airport. He has called for a new hospital to be built before the A41M and wants au improved bus service in the constituency. constituency.
Mr Corbett believes that the
Commission for the New Towns

has outlived its usefulness and should now band over to the

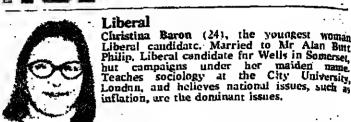
snould now band over to the local council.

He could be helped in his campaign by the last-minute decision of the Irish Civil Rights Association to pull out of the Association to pull out of the contest. There are an estimated 2,500 Irish voters in the town and although they are known to be reluctant voters, there are figures to back the claim that 80 per cent of Irish votes go to Labour. His attitude towards Northern Ireland—he is

James Allason (61), first elected to 1939, has successfully defended the seat five times. Regular Army officer for 22 years, wounded in Burma. Insurance broker and joint chairman of the Association of Councillors, member of the executive of the luter-Parliamentary Union, chairman of the Anglo-Iranian parliamentary group and chairman of the environment committee of the all-party Select Commistee on Expenditure in the last two Parliaments. Expenditure in the last two Parliaments.



Robin Corbett [40], senior labour adviser in the nublishing industry. He contested the seat in 1966 and also fought West Derhyshire in a 1967 by-election. Lives in the constituency and has fought a "local and personal campaigo". Married. Former member of the national executive of the National Union of Journalists.



inflation, are the dominant issues.

opposed to internment—could such as inflation, are the con-attract Irish votes. _______ of the campaign. Miss Christina Baron, the youngest woman Liberal candi-date, gained 15,000 votes last February and hopes to get more this time by offering the

February result Electorate 83,000 Allason, J. H. (C)

Corbett, R. (Lab) Baron, Miss C (L) C majority

Middleton and Prestwich

Description

This constituency, which really should be called Middleton, Prestwich and Whitefield, contains a bit of almost everything which makes up the pattern of

urban life in the North-west There are several large overspill bousing estates, including Langley on the edge of Middlaten, which bouses about 17,000 people, most of the adults being fairly predictable Lahour voters.

of them at the Prestwich and Whitefield ends of the division. forming long - established Jewish communities.

Industry is mixed. Middleton was once a textile town but is trade. It is a little difficult for the visiting motorist to know when he is in Middleton, Prestwich or Whitefield, or indeed when he may have strayed over the border into the Bury and Radcliffe or Heywood and Royton constituencies.

The seat was safely Conserva-tive with five-figure majorities until 1959, when the Langley estate was created for people moved out of Manchester slums and since then it has changed bands frequently with Mr Cal-laghan (be is known in local circles as "Our lim" and car-Our Jim tainly not as James Callaghan the Lesser) winning it back for Labour in Fehruary by 517

votes.
All three towns, which are really configuous in terms of hricks and mortar, have recently stituency where they bave six heen smartened up with new members on the district council, shopping preciucts and other and one on the Greater Manfacelift operations.

Assessment

This is prohably the most diffi-cult of all the Lancashire marginals in which to attempt a prediction. Much depends on the Liberals' performance. The party's share of the vote went up from 14 to 21 per cent be-tiveen 1970 and 1974, and Mr Callaghan's agent believes that the Liberal candidate standing in Fehruary took 2,500 votes from Labour. He bas not yet been able to work out why, but is determined to get them back

his rime. The vote of the Jewish community, accounting for some owner-occupied property, many 9,000 voters, could also be critical. It has the reputation of heing the most thoughtful and iodependent-minded of all the communities in the area. Mr Callaghan has faced steady questioning on his attitude to the Arab-Israel conflict and is oo longer io any way dependent answering by saying he funda-upon the vagaries of the cottoo mentally supports United trade. It is a little difficult for Nations resolution 242, supportlog Israel sovereigoty but requiring a humane solution to the Palestinian oroblem.

Mr Alao Fearn, the Conservative, is also highly conscious of the feelings of the Jews and taking some trouble to allay widely expressed fears about the moves to create private armies in Britain.

Mr James Clarney, the Liberal, is, like bls predecessor lo February, a late starter in the campalgn, baving been adopted only 10 days before the election was announced. He does regard that as a bandicap, point ing out that his predecessor, Mr Philip Harrison, pushed the vote up by 3,000. The Liberals feel they bave a good foothold at the Prestwich end of the con-

chester County Council. This is

James Callaghan (47) lives in the constituency. Former lecturer at a Manchester college and member of Middleton Council, serving on the

electors a "feasible alternative

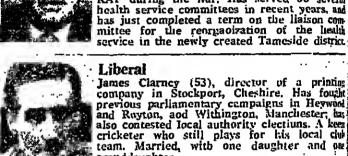
to the two main parties". She

believes that national issues,

education and industrial development commit-tee. Keenly interested to youth work and sport being a qualified football couch and referee.

Conservative Alan Fearn (47), dental surgeon in Hyde Cheshire. Served on Rechdate Town Corn. for six years and fought in the Ashton-under Lyoe and Accrington constituencies in the 1970 and 1974 elections. Sergeant air-gunner in the

RAF during the war. Has served oo severe



Liberal James Clarney (53), director of a printing company in Stockport, Cheshire. Has fought previous parliamentary campaigns in Heywood and Ruyton, and Withington, Manchester, has also contested local authority elections. A keen cricketer who still plays for his local charteam. Married, with one daughter and one granddaughter granddaughter.



Harold Smith (56), hachelor, is the Campaign

for a More Prosperous Britain candidate in the and 11 other northern constituencies.

another of the seats where the ubiquitous Campaign for a More Prosperous Britain man, Mr Harold Smith, is standing. He is not exactly welcomed by any of the major party organizations, when the majority

Electorate 75,968. Callaghan, J. (Lab) 24,35 Haselhurst, A. G. B. (C) 23,84 Harrison, J. P. (L) 12,96

Lah majority

Tories plan talks on Saturday

Parliamentary Under-Secretary ments factories include Preston, servatives have 831, and in Pemni State for Defence for the Royal Navy could easily he eroded by fears for the future of craft Corporation does work on the dockyard and its 8,900 the Multi-Role Combat Aircraft a Labour majority of three. end to uncertainty in the defence industry. "There is no time to waste".

"There is no time to waste".

Mr Heath said. "As soon as our majority is clear, the process of setting up a Government of national unity and getting the economy under control will be under way this weekend."

Would Mr Wilson respond to Mr Heath'a invitation for Saturday? Certainly not. "I do oot waste the time of this conterence," he told journalists, "dealing with purely hypothetical questions of this kind, particularly those that arise from no more than a desire to swing votes. We know exactly what a votes. We know exactly what a Conservative government would be like, whether they succeed in various invitations to Mr Rag, Mr Tag, and the Marquess of Bobtail, or not."

Mr Wilson paused before adding: "And I bave not decided whether people should come to see me on Saturday." But he left it in no doubt that on Saturday he expects to be at Chequers himself as Prime Min-

Mr Thorpe bas his own diffi-cultiss. Before he accepts an invitation for Saturday from Mr Heath, he has to remember that on Sunday he is committed to consulting his party executive, which has more than 200 members, including Young Liberals. and others who do not went to see their party in too close a relationship with the Conscru-

Mr Heath was put through danger.

The job of the unions was

not to run the country, Mr

Jenkins, the Home Secretary, said last night at Redditch. That was the Government's job.

It was not for the Government to be anybody's tool.

"We will work closely will them," he added. The unions' job was industrial relations.

I am not beginning to pre-tend that we have jet got iofla-tion to a level at which we can

From Peter Evans

Redditch

hope, Mr Jenkins says

the boop once again about the character of the coalition or national unity government. What parts of Conservative policy was he prepared to sacri-fice to achieve it? Which col-leagues would he be willing to

Mr Heath went no farther than to say that the Conserva-tives had agreed in their manifesto not to reenact the Industrial Relations Act. There was, be argued, nothing divisive in the Cooservative manifesto. Saturday's talks, if he is in a position to offer the invitation, would allow other new targets. would allow other party leaders in be accompanied by colleagues if they wished.

Mr Wilson dismissed Mr Mr Wilson dismissed Mr Heath's prospects for a national government as a vote-catching gimmick. More than that: he complained to the assembled press that he had grown weary of being reported on radio only as a reaction to Mr Heath's ininiatives. He said he would look into the matter after the election.

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary and champion of Europeanism within the Labour Party, joined the criticism of Mr Heath's proposal for a government of national unity. He said that the problems facing Britain were more formidable than for a generation past. There was no need to argue whether inflation, unemployment or a cut in the staodard of living was the greatest threat living was the greatest threat. They were all part of the same

Jenkins went on.

"We cannot look to others to do our own joh for us", Mr Jenkins said at Lahour's press conference in London. "But equally we cannot hope to do it all on our own . . . Anyone in these circumstances who wished to see a deeply divided nation, locked in its own increasingly embittered conflicts, would be dangerously sbortaighted.

Contract "only way": Mr Wilson oeclared last night that the social contract was the only way the nation could avoid hitterness and divisioo (Our Political Staff writes).

In a relevision party political broadcast he said that the contract was a policy of consent and partnership on a scale never before tried in this country. "Over the next couple of years it will be essential that those who bave the greatest power, do not seek to secure for themselves a bigger share of the oation's resources than they are entitled to. There is only so much to go round. If some take too much, there is less for everyone else."

He said that the election was the most important to the life-time of all of us. It would decide the future of every family in the country.

At a time when there was little hope of improving living standards the strong must use their strength on behalf of the weak, not on behalf of themselves. But one could not ask people to make sacrifices without a government working for a fair society, Mr Wilsun added.

election result should lead to a

Social contract offers best Primate prefers coalition Another inconclusive geogral

eccclerate still further," Mr coalition rather than to another minority government "I do not promise you the social contract will work." It was not perfect, not copper-bottomed, but it offered the the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Ramsey, said yesterday. Making his last presidential Making his last presidential address to the Convocation of Conterbury in London (he tetires next month), he added that there was widespread recogniting that "all parties nearly applies of green philips. hest hope for the future. Speaking of the balance of payments difficulties, he said that it had been necessary to borrow a great deal of money. "If we go on with this in four, contain people of great ability integrity and patrionism, while "I am not beginning to pretend that we have yet got ioflation to a level at which we can
live in the future. Either we I take a cautious view of the
get it under control or it will financial prospects." there is at the seme time much weariness of party conflict and of party claims about princi-

Labour 'will make NHS inflation-proof'

By Our Political Correspondent Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Sarvices, said at Labour's press conference in London yesterday that under a Labour government "the Labour government "the National Health Service will be inflation-proofed".

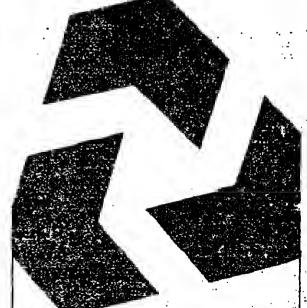
The crisis which threatened the service when Labour came to power was being overcome. The Government bad kept its pledge to carry out the find-ings of the Halshury committee on nursas' pay as quickly as

"The grievances of order health aervice workers have been met and industrial unter has died away." All this was in keeping with the document of the social contract."

A Labour government would continue to put additional re sources into the bealth service to meet the pay increases, and had put an extra £47m into the service to meet coat increases.

In the next three years, Labour boped to double the spending on health ceotres compared with the amount spending the Tories.

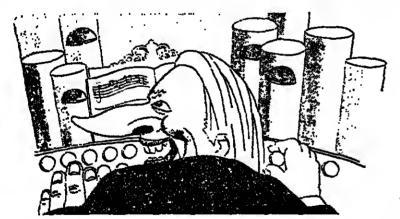
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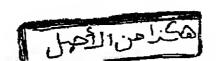
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GENERAL ELECTION

Mr Thorpe objects further to idea of Tory coalition

Political Staff

The Liberal Party placed teself one step farther away from a coulition with the Conservatives yesterday with a sta-tement from Mr Thorpe, which was primarily aimed at Mr

Mr Thorpe told the daily press conference that he thought a coalition was unlikely in the extreme. Mr Heath's conversion, he said, to a government of national unity was a laster-day matter and they did not know his policies.

Mr Thorpe added: "It seems rather strange that you invite people to dinner, but you do not order the food first."

He said that Mr Heath bad given oo clear-cut explanation of bis position. His latest explanation was self-contradic-tory in the excreme. On the one hand he insisted that the country had got to work together to overcome the crisis, but then he "blew the gaff by saying that we must have a Conservative majority in Parliament"

With two days to go before polling and the Liberals bop-ing to bring out their largest vote since the war, Mr Thorpe said: "I would like to know bow Mr Heath can reconcile bow Mr Heath can reconcile
these seemingly contradictory
statements. Let me ask him
two questions: First, what is
bis priority at this election: is
it a Conservative majority, or a
government of national unity?
If it is the former then we
need go no further. His ideas
of involving the other parties of involving the other parties and belief in the exercise of power hecome meaningless, misleading and irrelevant."

Mr Thorpe continued: "But if he states that his priority is to achieve a government of oational unity, let me ask him this further question. Is he therefore prepared to support, indeed advocate, the return of a greatly strengthened Liberal Party to the House of Com-mons io order that the electorate can show that they want to see closer cooperation be-tween all three parties? Mr Heath cannot have it both

Christopher Walker writes from Barustaple: Determined not to he caught unawares as they were after the last election, the Liherals have already made detailed cootiogency plans to deal with any political inanoeuvrings which ensue at the weekend if no party wins a

majority.

Mr Thorpe has iodicated that he regards this as the most likely result, and yesterday after completing his \$.000 mile airhorne tour of key marginal seats, be returned to Devon where be plans to stay until the weekend. A helicopter will he standing hy to fly him to London in the event of a request from either of the main party leaders. main party leaders.

A special meeting of the Liberals' national council has already been scheduled for Sunday in the event of a dead-lock at the polls. This bas been planned to prevent a recurrence of events after the last election, when party memhers had no forum in which to put forward their strong views on Mr Heatb's suggested coalition.

The council is an influential consultative hody, hut it has no hinding powers on the MPs.

Concorde aid pledged, but sales 'will be needed'

From Pat Healy

Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday pledged continuing government support for Concorde when he addressed BAC workers at the Filton works where the alreraft is made. But he gave warning that no one he gave warning that no one could guarantee the jobs with-

by the Prime Minister was now orders. He pledged that he

turned into real orders we can then start to expand the pro-

Mr Benn said that all key decisioos about Concorde had first to be fully discussed with all those who would be affected by them, especially those who worked in the industry.
"Neither I, nor any minis-

he gave warning that no one could guarantee the jobs without sales of the aircraft.

Mr Lewis Gray, chairman of the BAC joint shop stewards committee, said afterwards that Mr Benn had gone further than before because bis pledge amounted to a government commitment to finance production for sale of the aircraft.

Mr Benn told the meeting that no one "Neither I, nor any minister, in a oy government can absolutely guarantee that Concorde, or any other aircraft, will sell in the markers of the world, nor that jobs that depend on such sales can be preserved without a market."

But, Mr Benn said, he bad every confidence in the future of Concorde in airline service and would make every effort that a statement made in a local radio interview last week

Puzzlement dominates north of the Thames

By Stewart Tendler

"Ooe becomes so bewildered.
I can't bear the thought of
nationalization but Wilson bas done some good things," Chelsea bousewife told her Conservative candidate last week. Io Ilford, a young office worker said: "During the war every-hody helped each other, hut now everybody looks after them-

The bousewife will yote Conservative and the oifice worker Labour but the puzzlement and the talk of a rush of altruistic adrenalio ioto the oatiooal blood bloodstream are feelings sbared by many others in the London constituencies oorth of the Thames.

The electorate waits, io what has been so far a quiet election, like a canop patient eyeing the doctors carrying out their tests and making their prognoses. The patient is fearful and wants to see some medicine and a cure. Faith io the doctors is not enhanced by their disputes over the cure; some voters complain the politicians still bicker too

The 56 constituencies hold 3,180,000 voters in a cross-section spanning Belgravia squares and the Ford works at Dagenbam. The population works in service and consumer industries or the ring of industries. industries or the ring of industrial estates balfway between the centre and the suburbs sprawling by the main arterial roads. The voter goes home to his semi in the suburhs, a council bouse perhaps in one of the three East End boroughs where there are more municipal than private homes or to flats and hedsitters near the centre.

On the political map, Labour holds much of the ceotre and the seats along the river, climbing northwards through the suburbs. The Conservative seats from the mainly well-heeled enclaves of Westminster, Keo-sington and the City of Loodon. In February the Conservatives In February the Conservatives polled more than a million votes, Lahour just over 900,000 and Liberals 445,000. The only by-election fought in Britain since then was in Newham South, a staunch Labour seat in the docks which did its expected duty, although the poll was very low. Borough elections gave the Conservatives a modest success in May.

Those elections may bave hammered out many of the local issues, because few have appeared so far. In this final week that situation could change because of the publications of Consentius manifests. tion of a Conservative manifesto for London. Its implications on the future role of the Greater London Council and housing policy should arouse debate.

candidates and ageots talk of from the electorate. Meetings



Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, canvassing in Watney Street, Stepney. His constituency of Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, which be retained in February for Labour with a majority of 23,330, is one of the safest north of the Thames.

are reasonably, even well attended and yet the parties worry whether people realize the significance of October 10. If the poster hattle has any psephological significance then it should be recorded they only appear in any numbers in the commuter belt and marginals.

However, people do realize a crisis exists although its manifestation for them is usually rising prices. "Everything keeps going up", said a housewife in Hampstead. "At the end of the week the buying power bas gone down again."

The EEC is rarely mentioned hut the social contract has attracted particular attention in areas where Ford workers are interested to see it work because strikes at the plaot have closed down their own departments.

Conservative candidates have found themselves asked how they will deal with the uoions after the experiences which created the last general elec-

A national government is an backward look to the war years, but voters doubt its practicali-ties. A shopper in Seven Kings ties. A shopper in devel king, said: "If the parties worked together it would work but I don't think they will. They are too dogmanic."

Unemployment and the nice-ties of monetarism and keynes-ism have not reached most voters. London did not suffer severely in the 1930s and Sir Keith Joseph's warning speech last month has attracted little interest except among some pro-fessional and intellectual voters. fessional and intellectual voters.



The North London constituencies: shaded areas are held by Lahour, white hy the Conservatives.

I will again, although I don't know enough about their policies. The two main parties have had a go and nothing has corrected the problems." The Liberal strength in Lon-

on bas so far remained south of the river. There are 28 Liberal councillors on London councils but only three serve north of the Thames, and so the party does not have the advantage of a strong base at a local political level.

In February they reached 27 per cent of the vote in three suburban constituencies and they bope to build on this, with some possibilities in the Northwest at Hendon, South. The

paper gave Lahour an 11 per contentrate on selling the 91 cent lead in London. The party cautiously bas talked of anywhere between 3 per cent and 5 per cent. It would be enough to seem through the mark to seem through the mark to seem through the seem to selling the 91 per cent mortgage plan.

Upminster is another mark gioal where the Conscriptions of the seem through the seem to see the seem through the seem to see th to sweep through the mar-ginals, which are mostly Con-

The rot could begin in Hford, North, where the Conservatives won with 285 votes, a hiccup on the swingometer of a 0.6 per cent lead. Mr Tom Iremonger would he replaced by Mrs Millie Miller, former leader of Camden

Perbaps not surprisingly Mr Heath chose the constituency for one of his rare walkabouts. Housing is a crucial issue in a couples are in difficulties lo a lower turnout than February, getting mortgages as well. Mr Certainly it will be a pessimistic Heath told party workers to one.

Upminster is another margical where the Conscrvatives got in by 1.9 per cent. Mrs Thatcher was there to reach the couples struggling to keep their semis.

their semis.

At Brentford and Isleworth the Conservatives won hy 1.3 per cent and at Acton by 3.4 per cent. No one is sure of the effect of the Irish vote for Irish Civil Rights Associatioo candidates in Hampstead and Paddington. dates in Paddington. The Conservatives make com-

parisons with 1970. If they are right then Ilford, South, would hecome theirs and then Ealing, the vote will fall to 72 per cent, So far it looks to many like

economically.

1.5m votes will switch come what may

By Professor Ricbard Rose

About one and a balf million otes are sure to switch in this election, even if every elector is of the same mind today as he was in February. Change will occur because of the aging of the electorate and the increase in candidates.

The Liberals are the higgest beneficiaries of change, because they are cominating 619 candidates, 102 more than at the last election. This should attract up to an extra million votes to the

Liberals will draw several hundred thousand votes from each of the two major parties, where Liberal supporters for-merly voted Labour or Con-servative in the absence of a candidate from their first pre-ference party. The extra can-didates should also bring votes from several hundred thousand from several hundred thousand people who abstained in February.

The coming of age of approxi-mately 300,000 young voters will not produce an equivalent numher of extra votes, for 18-year-olds are left nff the electoral register more often than their elders and are also less likely

to vote.

The death of approximately 300,000 electors since February will hurt the Conservatives, he cause the party appeals most to the 65-plus age group. The net loss will be less than 100 votes per constituency, and highest in such solidly Conservative seats as Bouroemouth and Hove.

Up to S per cent of the elec-lorate has moved house since the last election. When the move is a short distance a person can return to vote io his old neigh-bourhood. An elector who has moved further can claim a postal

February vote, adjusted for these changes, would have shown these differences (figures

Party	Feb	Adjusted
<u> </u>	38 2	36.5
Lab	37.2	35.9
L	19.3	22.3
Nat, Others	5.2	5.2
Turnout	78.7	76.5

The aging of the electoral register will reduce the turnout by about 2 per cent, even if political enthusiasm remains the same as in February.

The cumulative effect of these

changes reduces the vote of the Conservative and Labour Parties by almost threequarters of a million each and increases the Liberal vote by more than three quarters of a million.

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Portuguese leader lunches with Gen Spinola as remodelling of military junta gets under way

Speculation has been aroused in Lisbon by the disclosure that President Costa Gomes yester-dsy lunched with his predecessor, General Antonio Spinola. The luncheon took place in the restaurant of a Lisboo botel. It was Geoeral Spinola's first public appearance since he

resigned the presidency on September 30. Reports state that the two generals appeared in genial mood. Their personal friendship dates back for many years, and during Geoeral Spio-ola's five-month presideocy General Costa Gomes was always regarded as the strong man behiod him.
In his own inaugural speech

on becoming President, General Costa Gomes referred to his predecessor as " a great man, a true soldier and a great friend", although he admitted differences of opinion hetweeo them.
Meanwhile, the remodelling
of the Junta of National Salva-

tion is under way. The junta was created by the Armed Forces Movement (AFM) to exercise political power immediately after the April 2S military coup and until the formation of a provisional Government, It has remained as a powerful political element hehind the Govern-

representing the Army and two
the Air Force. The appointments must be approved by the
President and the Council of

It has been announced that the Army has chosen Brigadier Carlos Soures Fabiao, the last Governor of Portuguese Guioea, and Lieutenant-Colooel Fisher Lones Pires, a staff officer Lopes Pires, a staff officer. Brigadier Fabião, an infantry-

man, served in Guioea for several years, and remaioed behind as Portugal's representative when the colooy became iodepeodeor Guinea-Bissau last mooth. He is believed to bave been a strong Spinola supporter been a strong Spinoia supporter
but seemed to diverge later
from the former Presideor's
views. Colonel Pires, also said
to be a Spinoia man and an
important member of the
Armed Forces Movement,
comes of a military family and
also has sarved in Africa also has sarved in Africa.

· Three officers have been oomioated as poteotial replacements for the two outgoing Air Force representatives on the junta. They are Colooel Pinho Freire, commander of the air hase of São Jacinto. Brigadier Miranda and Lieutenant-Colonel Meodes Dias. The three members of the

the resignation of General Spinola and three dismissals—
those of General Collaboration (Army) Spinola and three dismissals—
those of General Galvao de
Melo, General Silverio Marques
and General Diego Neto. The
Actionic Rosa Coutinho (Navy)
and Admiral José Pinheiro de
Azevedo (Nsvy). The Presideot,

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Aogola military region. He describes himself as a Republicao but is not noted for politi-

Admiral Rosa Coutinhn is a career officer. He is reported to have left-wing views, as has Admiral José Pinheiro de Azevedo, who at present heads the governing junta in Angola. The Portuguese Government has instituted austerity mea-sures in its own and other offi-

ficial services.

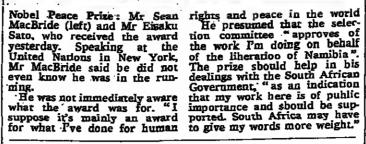
Official visits to foreign countries will be restricted. Emhassies and consulates abroad must ohey the same rule. Senhor Magalhaes Mota, the Minister without Portfolio, made this without rottlend, made in string when he was appointed Minister of Internal Coordination in the first provisional Government by cancelling an expensive order for silken wall panels.

order for silken wall panels.

The same newspaper which published the new austerity rules gave an account of the official reception held by Dr Erich Butzke, the first East Germao Amhassador to Lisbon. It was to celebration of the tweotyfifib anniversary of the foundation of the German Democratic Repoblic and took place in the Ritz Hotel. Ritz Hotel.

It was attended by Portugal's ministers for foreign affairs, justice, labour and educatioo. The Portuguese Government itself bas been frugal io eotertainment since April 25.





Senator Fanfani likeliest new premier of Italy
From Peter Nichols —the security

Rome, Oct 8

'FLYING TWA HAS BECOME A HABIT WITH ME'

It was the turn today of Seoator Amintore Fanfani, in his capacity as secretary of the Christian Democratic Party, to call on President Leone with the party's formal advice oo how to find a new government. The senator himself is now regarded as the most likely candidate to try to lead another coalition. After his talk with the Presideot, Senator Faofani said that Italy faced five main problems

with every flight"

three in Economy.

-the security of the democratic state, inflation, the balt in development, the slowing down of social reform and disquiet in Europe and elsewhere about the

country's future.

He recalled that his own party favoured the revival of a centre-left coalitioo similar to the Government which resigned last week.

The President has to consult other leaders before deciding to whom he should offer the task of leading the next Administra-

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Spain fines priest for meeting in church

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Oct 8

The Spanish Government has fined a Roman Catbolic priest and an undetermined number of workers 100,000 pesetas (£746) each without benefit of trial for attending a strikers' meeting in a Madrid church, it was reported bere today.

Although there was no official confirmation of the arbitrary fices imposed under the Public Order Law, police did confirm that all but 61 of the 266 persons taken into custody in the church last Saturday night have been released. Among those arrested were two lawyers, three priests, an engineer and a popular singer, Señorita Elisa Serna.

A statement issued by the national police beadquarters in Madrid was published by government order in all newspapers here today. It alleged that the object of the meeting was to incite more workers to take part in strikes. The state-ment also said that the raid on the church did not violate the existing Concordat hetween Spain and the Vatican, which guarantees the inviolability of cburches io most cases, becsuse it was "a matter of urgent necessity" to stop this gether-

The prominent Madrid Catholic daily Ya printed an editor's note in bold type explaining that the publication of the police statement was obligatory under the terms of

French Communists question allies' policy

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Oct 8 The Communist Party bas not

attempted to conceal its irritation and concern over the results of the by-election on Sunday at Périgueux.

The candidate of the Left, veteran Communist, failed to obtain the full support of all those who had voted for the opposition in the first ballot, the previous Sunday, thus making it possible for M Guena, a former Gaullist minister, to win back the saat.

This test case would seem to prove that the Socialists are the sole beneficiaries of the Union of the Left, and that, in time, the Communist Party will lose its position as the leading oppo-sition force in the country. On Sunday the Communists lost votes in five out of six constituencies.

stituencies.

The central committee, which met to consider this setback, issued a sharp warning to M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, and a strong condemnation of his declared objective of "halancing up the forces of the Left". Published over two whole columns on the froot two whole columns on the froot page of L'Humanité this morning, it is the first public questioning by the Communists of the policy of their Socialist partners.

"The crande bourgeoisie pur-

"The grande bourgeoisie pursues its struggle against the Union of the Left and its programme. But it knows that it cannot break this union today. . That is why io a situation where the prospects of victory of the Left are increasing, the men of big capital have set themselves the first objective of weakening the Communist

Party", its statement says.

The statement goes oo to emphasize that the "constantly repeated slogan about the used for a so-called balaocing up of the forces of the Left assumes ao it-creasingly peroicious ao ir creasingly peroicious character because it, too, involves the notion of reducing Communist iofluence. More-over, the campaign designed to demoostrate that only a nou-Communist candidate could

ernment can only undermine the indispensable regrouping of the votes of the Left. All workers, all democrats, all patriots, need a large Communist Party, open and strong pre-sent and active everywhere, whose electoral audience and elected representatives increase along with those of the whole

The Communists do not really believe that the Socialists are about to break the compact scaled with them in 1971. But M Merchais, the Commany general secretary, who has committed himself body and soul in the Union of the Left against the Illion of his party, must convince the rank and file that it has not been the victim of a poor bargain. And he must warn his Socielist parmers against any nostalgia about the grand federation of the aou. Communist Left and Course. This hroke down in the late sixties, but the Independent Republicans, the followers of M Sarvan Schreiber, ore attempting to M Merchais, the Comma Schreiber, ore attempting to breathe new life into it.

At the same time as the Leit takes steps to consolidate its sup-port in the country, the union, which have been quiescent since which have been quiescent since the end of the summer holidays, bave decided to adopt a firmer tooe towards the Government, and the leftist Confederation tion Generala du Travail (CGT) and the leftish Confederation Française Democratique du Travail (CFDT), agreed yesterday on demonstrations in Paris on October 14 and 25, and on days of protest and strikes in the provinces in defence of employment and of the standard of in

But they are not going all on because the mood of the rank and file is not combative, and because they do not wish to be accused of endangering employment in the hard times the com

try is about to enter.

The staff of the national radio and television service began strike action today in protest at the prospect of substantial di-missals after the reorganization of the service hecomes effective defeat the candidate of the Gov- on January 1.

EEC ministers differ on mountain farming aid

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Oct 8

The EEC ministers of agriculture who accepted the invitation of M Christian Bonnet, presi-dent of the Council of Ministers, to hold a study session in Savoy on the problems of mountain farming, were able to judge them for themselves in the upper Tarentaise.

Snow has begun to fall in the regioo, two months abead of time, and yesterday it was swept by a violent storm. Helicopters had to help bring down cattla from high pastures.

Belgium, Denmark and Ger

study session with a Lardinois, the member of d European Commission b Agriculture, failed to agree the criteria for giving special assistance to mountain farmer All members of the Communi endorsed the principle of sur assistance several months ago M Bonnet, however, expressed confidence that the Community

would set up a system of air for mountain farming before the annual discussion on farm prices next spring.
In addition to the passing difficulties of European ago

from high pastures.

In spite of this demonstratioo, the ministers from Ireland,
tural troubles. Compensation must be granted for these pro-

Three airlines back up Swallow appeal From Our Correspondent Geneva, Oct 8

The campsign to sare niigrating swallows dying hecause of the early onset of winter in the Alps has caught the Siviss public's imagination.

public's imaginstioo.

An estimated 140,000 birds have so far been collected for dispatch south, some by traio but mostly by aircraft. Swiss. French and Spanisb airlines are carryiog them to Nice. Marseilles. Palma, Madrid and Tuois where they are released in the countryside.

Swallows that summered in the Lake Geneva area left two weeks ago, wheo the current protracted cold spell started. The large numbers that bave

protracted cold spell started. The large numbers that bave appeared stoce then seem to be birds that were further north in Europe, plus, perhaps, some that turned hack from the unexpected sub-zero temperatures in Alpine passes.

Reports that some swallows have saved thamselves by using the Mont Blanc and Great St Bernard road tunnels are not substantiated. Birds seeo flying from the southern eods of the tunnels had prohably been sheltering there or searching for insects drawn to the overfor insects drawn to the over-head lighting.

Fallopian tube transplanted by

German surgeon is
From Dau van der Vat
Boon. Oct 8
A West German surgeon to
day carried out the first re
corded traosplant of a fallopias Dr Georg Sillo-Seidl, aged 49

a Frankfurt gynaecologist will specializes in the treatment infertility in women, perform the operation on a woman of it took one and a half how.
The woman already has three children. Before her first marriage ended in divorce she was the like the children was a marriage. sterilized, but on marrying again she wanted another child Dr Sillo Seidl said the steril-zation had proved to be irrever-sible, and the transplant of fallopiao tube was the only চক to make the woman fertile The

tuhe was given by a woman had bad a bysterectomy. Milan oil dealer

kidnapped in office

Milan, Oct 8.—A wealthy of dealer, Signor Alfredo Parab sahi, aged 44, was kidoappel last night in his Milan office. He had stopped there to closs when three men, masked armed with pistols, broke in.

Union agrees on return of liner to Le Havre

From Our Own Correspondent Paris. Oct 8

Union officials representing the striking crew of the liner France and negotiators for the Merchant Naval Administration and the Freoch Line agreed today oo conditions for the liner's return to its home port of La Havre as soon as possible.

The difficult negotiations hegan on Friday st St Vaast la Hougue, on the west coast of the Cherhourg peninsula, where the France has been lying at anchor since September 24, and the talks were transferred to Paris on Sunday.

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The agreement has still to be approved by a general meeting of the ship's crew, which canoot be held before tomorrow to allow time for the unioo representatives to return to the France with the proposals.

If it is ratified, the agreement will bring to an inglorious end a labour dispute which began nestly a month

which began nestly a month see. On September 11 the crew compelled the captain of the liner, which was on the return voyage from New York, to drop suchor in the roads of Le Havre requires an assurance from the

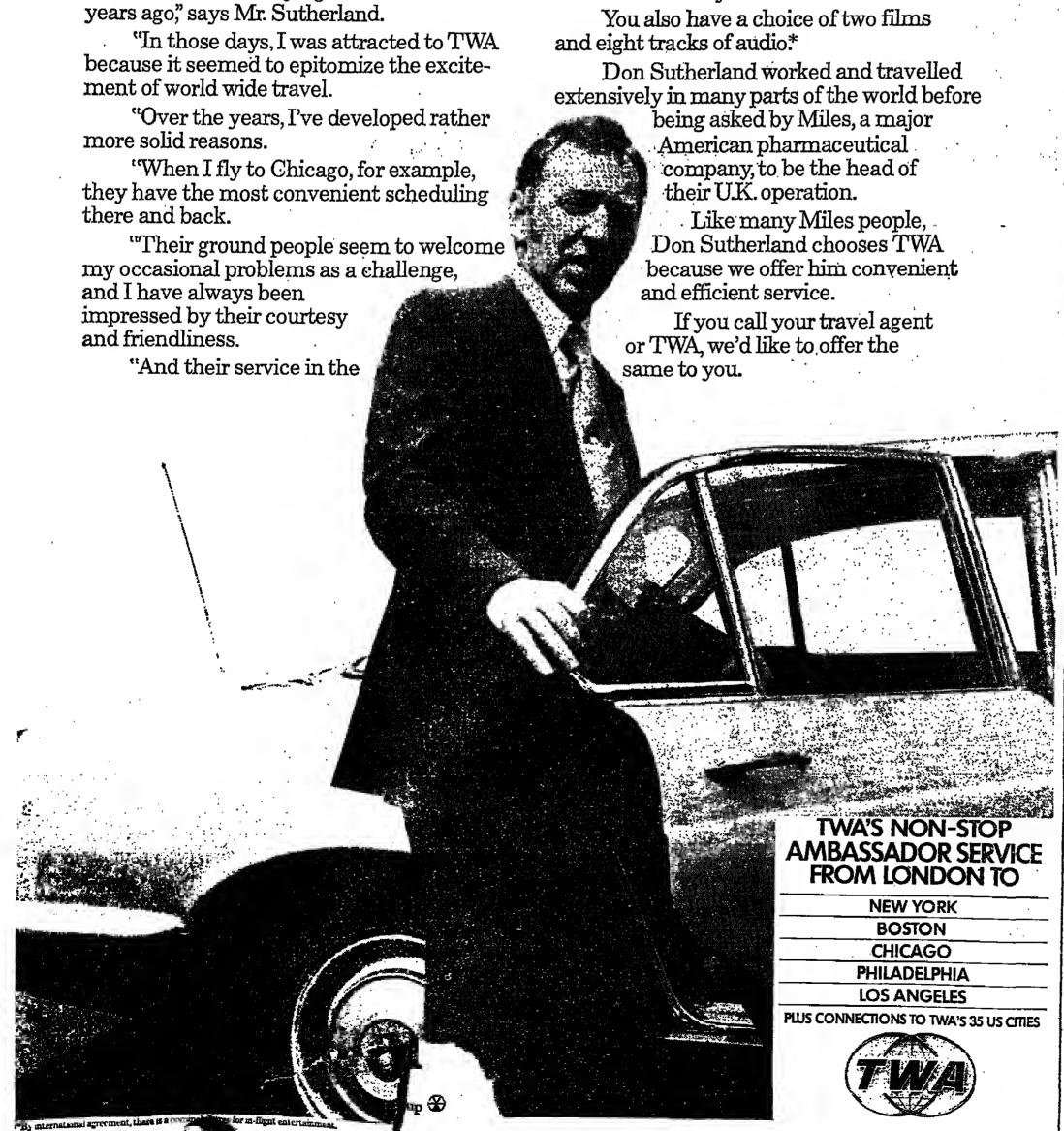
would not be laid up at the this month.

Despite the determinance

a hard core, led by coordinaring committee which took control of the to pursue the strike to the bill end if no assurances at ohtained, there have be increasing signs of wear among the strikers and than 100 men have left the already.

It was inevitable that liner should return to be it sooner or later, but the spiling hlock was the condition which it would do so, inc ing the continuation of strike, free access for the d to the liner once it was more in Le Havre, and the guara demanded for the futore of liner. It was agreed find today that a security demant of 121 men. excluding the security demand of security demand of security demand the security demands the security demand the security demands t

board. "Discussions because we were anxious ensure that security and least were guaranteed." M Velic kovitch, the Secretary confor the Merchant Navy, told press after the agreement pending an assurance from the press after the agreement covernment that the France reached this afternoon.



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From Patrick Brogan Washington, Oct 8

The Senate bearings into the confirmation of Mr Nelson Rockefeler as Vice-President may be reopeoed hecause of revelations of his generosity to senators and officials. Mr Mike Mansfield, Democratic leader in the Senate, said this morning: "So far as I am able to ascertain it's legitimate, but the fact that it is publicized raises questions and it could well reopen hearings".

The Senate Rules Committee wound up its public hearings two weeks ago and is waiting for the completion of a study of Mr Rockefeler's taxes and for-tune before voting on the .nomination.

It was revealed today that Mr. Rockefeler gave \$15,000 (£,700) to Senator Jacob Javits of New York two weeks ago for his re-election campaign. He gave \$5.00 to Mr Peter Peyser, congressman for the district in Westchester County, New York, in which there is alarge Rockewhich there is alarge Rocke-feller estate, and other members of the family gave Mr Peyser a further \$5,00.

Various other Republican members of Congress, who will vote on Mr Rockefeller's appointment as Vice-President, have benefitted from his genero-sity. Dr Kissinger, Secretary of State, confirmed over the wee end that he received a gift of \$50,000 from Mr Rockefeler as a farewell present, just before he gate scaudals.

Another and much larger gift. of \$500,000, was apparently given to Mr William Ronan who is now chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He was one of Mr Rockefeler's closest associates for many years. Mr Rockefeller also gave \$100,000 to Mr Hugh Morrow, his press secretary, to belp him pay off bank loans incurred in sending his children to colaga and paying medical hills for his wife and for a son who died of cancer.

This princely generosity

who died of cancer.

This princely generosity makes a change from the afairs of the two men elected to the presidency and vice-presidency two years ago, who were accused of benefitting in kind or in cash from their public service.

Criticisms of Mr Rockefeller, and Dr Kissinger, have heen chiefly directed to the secrecy surrounding the gifts and to the fact that the Vice-President designate mentioned none of them during his testimony hefore the rules committee. Details of tha gifts were discovered by congressional staff

Dr Kissinger might have been

more frank, it is suggested. Ha claimed to bave forgotten the name of one of the lawyers for Mr Nixon who recommended him to accept the then Governor Rockefeller's gift.

The lawyer was Mr Egil Krogh, who later want to prison for his part in one of the Water-

US imposes ban on all exports of grain From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Oct 8 The United States is with-bolding approval for all grain

This claarcut admission of an unofficial, if temporary, embargo was today confirmed by White House officials after a dealer's complaint on Capitol Hill that sales to oil producers as well as to the Soviet Union were ordered to he suspanded.

Tha suggestion was that President Ford had ordered the move at the tima of the week-end cancellation of the Soviet

Attempting to clarify the con-fusion surrounding yesterday's imposition of "voluntary" applications for official approval exports, White House and ste Department officials State Department officials insisted that all deals with all foreigners were off.



President Ford welcomes Mr Gierek, the Polish party leader, on the White

House lawn yesterday. Kissinger-Sadat talks due to open in Cairo today

From Our Correspondent

Cairo, Oct 8
Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, is due to arrive in Cairo tomorrow for important talks with President Sadat on the next move towards a peaceful settlement of the Middle East crisis. Dr Kissinger's seventh peace Dr Kissinger's seventh peace will result in any spectacular mission comes at a tima when achievement to match his prethe Arabs feel stronger politically, militarily and economitation disengagement agree-

Observers familiar with the Middle East scene, do not expect that Dr Kissinger's tour—which will take him also to Syria, Jordan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco—will result in any spectacular achievement to more his area.

cally, and therefore more determined to recover Israel largel. The main purpose of his visit will be to assess views and give impetus to political efforts for resolving the Arab-Israel conflict, the observers

say. The semi-official newspaper The semi-ornicial newspaper Al Ahram today said that an Israeli withdrawal from occupied lands a must begin as disengagement of forces has been completed.

According to Al Ahram, Cairo's attitude could be summed as follows: because the disengagement of forces had been effected, a start must be made to fulfil the Security Council resolution of

Council resolution of November, 1967. This called, among other things, for Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab territories and the safeguarding of the sovereignty of all Middle East states.

Dissident Ethiopean soldiers shot dead

From Michael Knipe
Addis Ababa, Oct 8
Ethiopian Radio disclosed today that five soldiers were killed and seven were wounded yesterday when the Provisional Military Government's forces quelled Army dissidents at the Engineering Corps barracks in the capital.
The dead, a sergeant and four

lance-corporals, were all mem bers of the Engineering Corps as were the wounded, two ncos, three lance-corporals and two privates, according to the radio. It said that members of the Engineering Corps, opened fire on representatives of the Military Government who had gone in the corps beadquarters "for a meeting and to arrest troublea meering and to arrest troublemakers "

makers".
The radio described the trouble as a "minor misunderstanding" between members of the Provisional Military Government, the Army Aviation Unit and the Engineering Corps which had been caused by egizators.

agitators.

It is generally believed that the troublemakers were demanding speedy introduction of civilian rule. Eyewitnesses of the clash reported that troops surrounded the barracks as several tanks drove inside and

several tanks drove inside and two stayed outside. According to some sources shooting broka out when tha dissidents attempted to force their way out of the barracks.

The calm in the capital has been generally undisturbed by the military clash and there have been no open signs of military tension today. tary tension today.

The Provisional Military Gov-

ernment today officially ousted Ras (Duke) Mangasha Seyoum from his position as Governor of the Tigre Province. Ras Mangasha, a popular and progressive leader in Tigre, went into hiding when Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed However, his wife, Princess Aida, a granddaughter of the former Emperor, is under housa arrest in the capital, having been transferred from her

arrest in the capital, having been transferred from her castle home in Tigre. Res Mangasha's whereabouts is still not known, although runtours persist that he is gathering his followers in Tigre.

The new Governor, of Tigre is Dr Haile Sciassie Belay, a Tigrean who obtained his master's degree in agriculture in Britain and his doctorate in the United States.

Other Government appointments were amounced today. Mr Ato Makonnen Moulat, an engineer, was appointed Mayor of Addis Ababa, his predecessor having been in prison for the past three months. Brigadiergenerals were put in command of prisons, civil aviation and the army's second division, based in Frirms. army's second division, based in

Tha Military Government also announced details of its contra versial plan to send teachers and students to rural areas, it says the plan will help bridge the gap between the urban and rural sectors.

The students and teachers will be expected to give instruction in reading and writing health and agricultural matters, and to assist in developing community facilities such as water supplies.

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Banned in every US state, but dog-fights take place regularly Grisly sport in the woods

From Peter Strafford New York, Oct 8

Thirty-five people were arrested last weekend, and another 100 or so given summonses, when the police swooped on a secret dog-fight gathering in the woods near Orlando, Florida. The police raid was the latest fight of public concern over the sign of public concern over the continuing popularity of this

Dog-fights are illegal under state law in every part of the United States, but this has not prevented them from taking place regularly. There are specialized newspapers which publish griefs accounts of the publish grisly accounts of the ways in which the dogs, speci-ally bred and trained, tear each other apart.

"Dogs fighting mouth to mouth and Missy is biting very hard. At the 10-mioute mark, dogs still fighting very fast, mostly fighting around the head

For the spectators, the fascination seems to be partly in the fight itself, partly in the betting which is an integral part of the occasion. Opponents of dog-fighting say that anything from 50,000 to 100,000 dollars (£21,000 to £42,000) may change bands at one of the bigger meetings

and that the participants are often protected by local officials. They also claim that there is intimidation of anyone who tries to investigate the sport Mr Jerry Owen, a private investiga-tor working for a grnup knowe as Fund for Animals Inc., told Congressional inquiry last mooth that at a meeting in Texas in May, five local politicians, including a judge, had been

present. Some months later, Mr Owen said, he had been shot at by men who had driven up along side him on a road in Texas. His home and office were broken

Pressure is now being brough in Washington for federal legislation to stop dog-fighting Hearings are being held by the bleeding very freely", wrote Pit Dog Report, a Texas magazine, in an account of a recent field. specially bred pit bull terrien

are trained.
Mr Richard Knapp, from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, told the committee provided with kittens or stray cats to give them "a feeling of victory and a taste uf blood They were made to run long dis tances or work on a treadmill often with 'baits' dangled in front of them—a raccoon, for instance, or even a woman's we soaked in blood".

Mr Brezhnev has rousing E Berlin farewell

East Barlin, Oct 8.—East Ger-brated the day 25 years and the Russian zone of occurrence of the Russian zone of occurrence of the Company to Com many today gave Mr Brezbnev, the principal guest at their twenty-fifth birthday celebrations, a rousing farewell at the end of his three-day visit.

The Soviet Communist Party leader left to the cheers of thou-sands of people stationed at the airport, the embraces of the East Herr Schmidt, the West Ger German leadership, and the man Chancellor, will visit Mor pageantry of a military guard cow at the end of the month

Yesterday's festivities cele- Moscow.-Reuter.

Dissident writer

Belgrade, Oct 8.—Mibajlo Mihajlov, a Yugoslav dissident writer, was arrested today at bis home in Novi Sad, 45 miles

home in Novi Sad, 45 miles north of Belgrade.

Details of the charges were not immediately known. However, friends noted that Mr Mibajlov recently published some articles abroad that were highly critical of the Yugoslav political system. The author of Moscow Summer and Russian Themes, both published in the Wast, was released from prison in March, 1970, after serving a three and a half year seotence for spreading hostile propaganda.

pied Germany became the German Democratic Republic A new-look constitution also came into force yesterday, abandoning the goal of German unity and laying heavy emphasis on East Germany's "eternal bond" with the Soviet Union.

Mr Brezhnev later arrived is

in Yugoslavia again arrested

TIME Gathering Oil Storm Thursday's Election Southern Europe move left - what now for Italy Portugal Spain.

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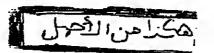
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The red-robed Mayor of Suva, cronching yesterday in the traditional Fijian gesture of respect for chiefs of high rank, welcomes the Frince of Wales to Suve town hall. On the left is Sir George

Fiji gives gularly Prince

Suva, Fiji, Oct 8.—The Prince of Wales was welcomed to Fiji's capital today by thousands of schoolchildreo sweltering lo a temperature of 91°F, and with colonial military splendour that the royalty-loysplendour that the royalty-lov-ing Fijlans Insist oo keeping four years after independence

From Our Own Correspondent

Britain is in the throes of a

political and social revolution, according to the magazine US News and World Report. An

analysis o fthe general election hy a former London correspon-

dent published this week, may

ead its readers to conclude that Britain is on the verge of com-

coup, or both.

The magazine is on the far right of the American political

spectrum for and continues to see the "free world" as menaced by communism, trade

menaced by communism, trade uninuism and liberalism.

The author, Mr. Joseph Fromm, says that evidence of such radical change "doesn't strike a visitor quickly". However, the sates that political parties have lost "much of their offertive power to the trade

effective power to the trade

He quotes a "liberal sociologist" as saying: "Briden is rapidly heing converted into a

maio victims and revolutionery chenge, and he quotes e real-coate agent as seying: "Any-

one who stays in this country

during the next few years is e

Mr Fromm's article is illus-

With photographs of Colonel Sorling and General Walker, and although he agrees that thest two gentlemen's private armies could not keep railways, power plants and coel wines operating in a crisis he

mines operating in a crisis, he

Mr Fromm quotes a "pro-minent political commentator", who told him: "People see

everything going to hell end feel

list something-anything-must

he done. Some even want an authoritarien government like

he former regime in Greece to

run the country."

He concludes that the source

of Britain's troubles was Mr Heath's failure in February's election. "The Prime Minister

called a general election on the

£800,000 Israel

Tel Aviv. Oct 8.—Israelis bave swindled the public tele-

phone system out of about \$00,000 so far this year, the

Communications Ministry said.

The public had used "fo-

zenious but dishonest methods to get free calls on the tele-phones, which are operated by

okens, the Ministry said.-

phone frauds

finds them significant.

unions."

left-wing Spain."

Mr Fromm says that the middle classes are one of the

Washington, Oct v

US magazine says Britain

is ruled by trades unions

becoc round of celebrations commemorating the centenary of Fiji's becoming e British colony and the fourth anniversary of independence.

After flying diract from Britain in an RAF VC10 jet he was met at the airport by Sir George Cakohau, the governor-general, who is a peramount chief of Fiji.

The Prioce, dressed in Royal Navy whites, waved to children lining the road from the air-

issue who governs Britain-Par-

liament or the unions? Mr

Heath lost, and ever since poli-tical power in this country has been in the hands of the trade

unions."
Mr Fromm states that "the

lefost leader of Britain's higgest

union—Hugh Scanlon of the Amalgamated Engineering

Conservative Party victory would trigger a winter of labour

chaos for the nation". He quotes

"political authorities" who pre-dict rising unemployment and a

wave of industrial hankruptcies

We are hound to see a hartle hetween strikers end police. And we mey well discover that

the police force we have organ-ized to deal with problems in a

peaceful Britain no longer is capable of doing its joh'.

dehating the role of the armed forces in what they call 'the

coming crisis of authority.' A former colonel, now a member of the House of Lords end a

well-known commentator, made

this point:
"Last spring, when Protestant
workers in Northern Ireland

staged a general strike to wreck

Government policy, the Prime Minister ordered the Army to deal with the walk-out. The com-

manding general informed bim that the Army was incapable of carrying out the mission, and the British Government capitul-

question he was asked: "Is Britain finished? Are we going down the drain as a netinn?"

And be continues: "The

It depends whether the new Government, he is Labour or

Conservative, succeeds in curb-ing the British Jabour revolution before it surges cumpletely

Turkish leaders

Ankara, Oct 8.—Party leaders, meeting under President Koroturk, failed today to find a solution to Turkey's

They discussed the Presi-

solution was found.-Reuter.

fail to agree

Government crisis,

Many Britons already are

Mr Gough Whitlam, the Aus-

The Prince is speeding four tralian Prime Minister, is days in Fiji. He will attend a expected to join the Prince in the celebrations tomorrow on arriving from his tour of the United States and Canada.

The Prince watched and took part in ceremonies of welcome performed by the islands' lo-dian and Fijian communioes at Suva's Albert Perk. He drank a hnwl of kava, a strnog local driok, given to him hy a Fijian

Tonight the Prince attended a reception at Government House hefore leaving at mid-night for Lavuka on neighbour-ing Ovalau Island.—AP and

to plant emergency crop

From Michael Hornshy

down on last year's crop of 67 million tonnes and seven to nine millioo tonnes short of the government's target of 69

Amalgamated Engineering Union—has served notice that a er, insisted that imports of food sufficient to prevent fem-ioe were in the pipeline. He declined to go loto figures. that would lead to seizure of factories by workers faced with loss of jobs. He goes on to predict worse trouble still: "Says a leading specialist in industrial relations,

In ao attempt to meke good the shortfall, some \$00,000 ecres would be sown with an extra third crop in hetween this year's autuotn and next year's spring harvests, which together consorute the 1974-75

crop loss, though severe enough, is considered optimisric hy most iedepeodeot experts here. Lack of moisture in the soil is likely to reduce the following spring crop as well, so that total grain production in 1974-75 is certain

India's farmers

Delhi, Oct 8 lodia's autumn harvest, con-sisting largely of rice, will be five to seven million tonoes

million tonnes.

Mr C. Suhramaciam, the Micister for Food and Agriculture, giving this first official estimate today of the crop losses caused by floods and shortages of power and fertiliz-

agricultural season, he said. His estimate of the autumo

to be substantially down on

This means a continuation of the alarming downward treod in food production evideot since the peek year of 1970-71, a trend which must be set against India's need for eo extra two end a half million of grein ennuelly

Turks may be willing to give way in Cyprus

From Paul Martin Nicosia, Oct 8

The next two months may hold the key to the success or failure of attempts to find an nverall and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem. During this time, the leaders of the Greek and Turkish communiges in the island will conduct an intensive search for a compromise agreement ecceptable tn both Greece and Turkey.

Mr Glafkos Clerides, the act-Mr Glafkos Clerides, the acting Cyprus President, and Mr Rauf Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader, are on the threshold of "exploratory talks" on a general political solution. However, both agree that no accord cao be reached before the result of the Greek and even the Turkish elections and even the Turkish elections are known. This ellows them two months of talking oo present calculations.

It is understand that Mr Clerides hes been encouraged by Mr Constentine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, in explore fully the possibilities of finding a solution in his intercommunal talks with Mr Denktash, although the political crisis in Turkey has tended to confuse matters on the talk of the political crisis and the political confuse matters on the confuse matters of the confus that side. However, Mr Denk-tash is expected to receive tash is expected to receive clerification from Ankara by the end of this week.

At first, the two community leaders set themselves the nar-row task of tackling the humanitarian problems result-ing from the Turkish invasion. However, now that Mr Clerides bas consolidated his political position at home they have decided that the time has come to get down to more substantive issues.

Although up to 38 per ceot of the island remaios in Turkish heods, there are indications that they are prepared to accept considerably less in any "geographical" federated solution. There is satisfaction among Greek Cypriots at the highest level that the Turks probably intend to withdraw from the citrus-growing area of Morphou, the new city of Famagusta and positions south of the new Nicosia-Famagusta

Mr Clerides has already made it known that he would regard this as a major step towards alleviating the refugee problem on the Greek side.

What has become clear from what has become clear from the Turks is that they are in-tent on a geographical division of the island. The flight of Turkish Cypriots from the south—where they formed substantial minorities to Limassol, Larnaca, Paphos and Polis—is in progress. This is being acokish administration which is determined to rewrite the demographic map of the island with a Turkish majority in the northern ercas.

This runs contrary to what wants. The nearest Mr Clerides has come to reconciling him-self tn e geographic division is that a relocation of population could take place over a period of time, but not on an arbitrery hasis, as the Turks propose at this juncture.

At the moment, the two sides have a wide gap to bridge; but Mr Clerides and Mr Denktash heve an under standing of the task ahead. The fact that they do not appear to want constitutional experts from their respective meinland states is en indi caoon that they wish to get down to straight talking aimed at removing rather then creating herriers.

Nicosia, Oct 8.-The Cyprus Government has declared the Turkish-occupied porrs of Famagusta, Kyrenie and Neros illegel points of entry to the island.—Reuter.

etcd. That may well be a fore-taste of what will happen in England." Mr Fromm concludes with a Greek Cabinet reshuffle to make way for election From Our Correspondent

Athens, Oct 8

Mr Constantioe Keramanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, accepted resignations from members of his two-month-old Cabinet today to clear the way for the caretaker Government that will conduct the November 17 general election.

Mr Karamanlis will head the pre-electoral government that will take office tomorrow. Mr George Mayros, the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreigo Minister, and Mr Evaoghelus Averoff, the Minister of Defence, will remain to their dent's proposal to form a mational coalition government, but the proposal found no overall support, and no nther solution and found no overall support, and no nther solution and found no nther solutions.

leader of the Liberal Party, will stay oo es Foreign Minis-ter to deal with any Cyprus developments thet may emerge from the visits of Dr Henry Viscince Kissinger to Ankara end Mos-cow. Asked by journalists last night if Athens might be included in the American Sccre-tary of State's diplomatic tour, Mr Mavros said: Ankara has violated the treaties and occupied Cyprus militerily. It is therefore right for Dr Kissioner to go there and not to

The Foreigo Minister's Contre Union Party has announced its merger with the "New Forces" group formed hy noo-policians active in the resistance against the military Mr Mayros, who is also the dictatorship.

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"Precision end responsibility" could wall be the mollo of M. Gerard the jeweller if he had nne. One finds this constant care for perfection evarywhere, and perficularly in the three strangths of the house of Gerard: the supplying of stones, tha creation and the execution of piacas.

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On the 5, 6 and 7 of August lest, M. Geraid exhibited in the Empira Salons of the Hotel de Paris in Monta Carlo "the most rare and labulous jewellery in the world". On the occasion he was awarded the Best in Europa Supreme Grand Prix 1974 presented to him by the smiling Josaphine Baker who was accompanied by the French artiste Jean Claude Briaiv.

back if they do not display all that requisite qualities. The lamous Bourse aux Brillants (precious stones exchange) sel up in 1969 operates with success on these principles. Nowadays, the customers who buy, either lor investment or gift purposes (at Fr.7426.28 the half-carat) can be certain of gelling slones of perfectly 'pure blue white'. Similarly all the siones (rubies, sapphires, ameralds) that go to meke up pieces bearing the signeture of M. Gerard satisfy thesa very strict selection criteria. The jewels displayed in the verious windows of the three shops are scintilleling proof of thet.

As regards creation M. Gerard doesn't take the soft option any longer. His only concession? . . . Il is to lashion, ol course that of the great conturiers. Like them. M. Gererd designs and brings out two collections yearly, consisting of hundrads of sketches which he modifies to some degree in relation to lashion frends. Eer ornaments for example were brought in when dress styles enabled the wearing of necklaces and clipa. The raturn of "the thirties"? Yas, but ravised end right for the '74 style so es not lo reproduce the sad and hidebound jewellery of the period. This results from his conversations with his customers and with the ladiea of his circle (his wile and his three daughlers): "il is in this way thet we heve come to do away with ptelinum mountings on most of our jewellery, to the advantage of gold mountings which are more lo modern laste". Bul abova all il sorings from what he loves doing, from his imeginetion, "from the pholographs

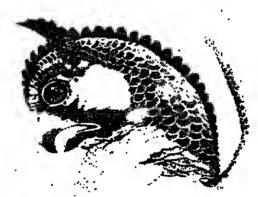
that come into his eye", and from a particular inventive genius.

Each year a new material

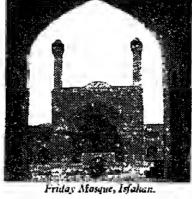
In this calegory M. Gerard, the leader in the field, hes created lewellery in "double cui " crystal oi graai beauly and in carved ivory and produced all kinds el inimilable pieces, not to mention his talest discoveries, which are equally remarkable. Like the range of gifts brought out at Christmas time-lighters, watches, desktop ilems, cutflinks in gold (or silver) and slate of perfect taste and restraint. Like the new collection of pieces in steel procesaed for him to metch the colour of encient weapons, this taking (ever this care for perfection) more than two years' research before introduction. This indicates the importance of the workshops and the craftsmen. Their names are kept secral bul lhis doesn't prevent M. Gerard from doing them homage when he says: "The workshops are the source of our succass. You can't say that you're in business until the pieca is linished".

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Promise of happy end to Baluchistan uprising

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to normel peaceful life has received a positive response from the majority and that only a small number of hardcore guerrillas remain stuck to their hide-outs in inaccessible harren mountains.

Mr Bhutto once agaio accused President Sardar Daud of Afghanistan of giving support and encouragement to elements hostile 10 Pakistan. It was not sheer coincidence, he said, that the Afghan deouty Foreign Minister's attack on Pakistan in the United Nations General Assembly took place on October 7, the same day that Pakisten opposition leaders had called on several foreign missions in Islamahad to invoke

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...Córdoba, Argentina, Oct 8.— Police today freed a kidnapped Anglo-Argentine business execu-tive, Mr Maurice Kember, after a gun battle in wmen one of his abductors was killed, police gun battle in which one of

Describing the kidnappers as extremists they said another two were wounded and three others

The captured after the shooting oo the outskirts of the city. Subversive literature and arms were found in the house where Mr Kember was being held.

Mr Kember, aged 58, president of the board of a Coca Cola hortling plant, was kidnapped on August 6 as he was taking two of his children to school. Unconfirmed reports said his kidnappers had demanded a Sim (£400,000) ransom for his

Another kidoap victim. Señor Leoo Brill, a banker, was freed by his captors over the weekend after au unspecified ransom was paid by his family, police said. Señor Brill, a director of the Banco del Interior, was kidnapped oo July 25.—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, Oct 8.—The Marxist People's Revolutionary Army (ERP) offered three cooditions today under which it would bait a new wave of ter-

attackers, presumed to be guerrillas, killed an Army officer as be was leaving his home. The rictim, Major Jaime Jimeno, aged 52, was machine-gunned by four men. His son opened fire on the attackers, killing two and woooding an-

The outlawed ERP's three conditions, contained in a com-munique published in two news-papers, demanded that the Government free all political prisoners immediately, repeal repressive legislation, and revoke the decree nutlawing the ERP.

In return, the revolutionary group said, it would suspend its military operations and free two kidospped Army officers and so Austrian business executive.

The ERP, one of a half-dozen guerrilla groups operatiog io Argentina, said: "The People's Revolutionary Army has decided to communicate to you that it is disposed to an armis-

It listed its demands and ther said: "The terms of the armistics that we propose will coorinue as loog as the Govern-ment does not attack the people or the guerrillas."

It added: "This is to say that would hait a new wave of terrorist attacks.

However, before the Argentioe Government could respond, military parapolice or paramile of the face of any armed police, military parapolice or paramile of the face of the face

Roman Catholics, Protestants and Jews work as a team in Chile Cardinal stands up to junta

From Peter Strafford

Santiago Not long ago in Santiago, three teachers, including a priest, were giving classes in a church when some members of the military intelligence ser-vice came io carrying automatic weapoos. The teachers were taken away into detention for holding classes outside the

This is the sort of pressure that the Catbolic Church has been coming under from the military regime in Chile. It reflects the hostility that has developed between the regime, which regards the Church as "infiltrated by Marxism", and many Chilean priests, who regard the regime as dictatorial, to say the least.

So far, Cardinal Silva Henriquez has aroided an open enofrontation with the junta, but in his public statements he has made it clear that he intends to speak out on public matters, in spite of being told by the junta that it is none of his husiness.

Catholic priests have joined with those of the Protesmot churches and the Jewish hierarchy to help people who have surfered from the interrogations of the intelligence services, and who have no money in pay for a lawyer. Some 15,000 people are estimated to have received help of this sort in Santiago and rice

Previously, they had been held incommunicado for about a month and during tols time about 50 per ceot were tortured, according to priests.

Even more urgent, they say, is the fact that a large number of people in the poor areas are now suffering from hunger. Some are unemployed, or afraid

suffering from malnutrition.

The Chilesn hishops published a strong statement last April in which they called for reconciliation in the country. They were worried, they said, abour a "climate of iosecurity and fear", about unemployment and arbitrary dismissals and and arbitrary dismissals, and about a system in which wage-earoers were heing hardest bit.

They said that detentions were often arbitrary or too long, interrogations were carried out with "physical or moral pressures", the possibility of defeore was limited, secondary was a limited. teoces were unequal, and the right of appeal was restricted. In a country like Chile, where over 90 per cent of the popula tion are at least nominally Catholics, the Church carries some weight, and this is embarrassing to the military Government. As a result of pressure from Catholic circles, has had to agree to allow Catholic priests from the United States to cootinue preaching in one of Santiago's

leading schools, though waoted to stop them. At other times it has wanted to expel Chilean priests whose views it did not like. Cardinal Silva Henriquez intervened, and was able to reach a compromise hy which the priest may be

temporarily transferred.

Auother area of conflict is the religious press. Mensaje, a lesuit munthly magazine, has had some conflicts with the ceosors, and its August issue came out with large blank spaces where whole paragraphs had

heen censored. Not every bishop is critical of the regime, however, Mgr Emilio Tagle, the Bishop of Valparaiso, for instance, is a strong supporter of the juota. But he is io a mioority, and wheo the first anniversary of the military takeover was celeto go to work. Others simply brated recently, the cardinal do not earn eoough to buy and other historys refused to enough to eat. Children are hold special Masses.

Border incidents | Sudan plotters a plot

Zambia claims

Lusaka, Oct 8 .- Zambia has rejected Rhodesian protests uver alleged border incidents and has alleged that they were created by Rhodesia to persuade South Africa to maintain

suade South Africa to maintain its military presence there, the government - owned Zambin Daily Mail said today.

A government spokesman had repudiated in the strongest terms the protest reported to have been lodged by the rebel Government in Salisbury The spokesman was quoted as saying that Zambian securas saying that Zambiao security forces had arrested infiltrators and agents and knew of Rhodesiao programmes for training mercenary forces for attacking Zambia and Mozambique".—Reuter.

arrested, President says

Khartum, Oct 8.-Geoeral Nimiery, the Sudanese Presi-dent, bas anounced that ao armed coospiracy to overthrow his five-year-old regime has been smashed.

Speaking on Sudanese radio and televisioo last night, the geoeral said that the plot had been staged by "rank and file" army officers with racial and tribal motives who had all been arrested.

The conspiracy, be said, hegao in September last year and those who had joined it had "confessed to everything" and would stand trial.-Agence | France-Presse.

Whites only a small voice in Angola, Dr Neto says

From Our Correspondent Lusaka, Oct 8

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Dr Agostinho Neto, the leader day that while his organization recognized the existence of minority whites in Angola, the final decision for the independence of Angols will come from the black majority".

In reply to what Senhor Vesco Gonçaives, the Portuguese Prime Minister, is reported to have told the French weekly. Le Nouvel Observateur, that no decision on the future of Augola would be made without the contact of the white copulation. Dr. sent of the white population. Dr Neto said that the white minori-Neto said that the white minorities of Angola should remember that a high price was paid for freedom, and the last word must therefore he with the Angolan people who fought for that freedool.

Dr New, who is president of the recently formed provisional central committee of the MPLA, said that his organization recognized the existence of whites in Angola and their loterests would be looked after.

"We intend to defend the in-terests of the whites. We can assure them that our policy is Dr Agostinho Neto, the leader of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), said in Lusaka yesterracism."

Dr Neto said the MPLA was against continued white mino-rity rule. "We want majority rule because the struggle was made by our people who rose to stop colonialism, and it is our people who must get the results of the war. Nobody else has the right to take the place of the fighters."

On the start of independence talks with the Portuguese government, Dr Neto said that these would start as soon as unity had been achieved in the MPLA and with the National Front for the Liberacion of Angola (FNLA).

He promised that the MPLA would not betray the interests of the people of Aogola. Efforts were being made to implement the Coogo-Brazzaville agreement at which a ceorral committee of 39 agreed to negotiate unity with the FNLA and discuss independence with Portugal, he EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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The Huguenots at Leipzig

From somewhere out of the Live the True Faith! Wagner meant.

for The Huguenots and Meyer- different ways. beer's other smash hit, Robert era. Meyerheer's flair for spectacle and panoply lent the term grand opéra in Paris a new dimension. It seems a pity that chronology prevented his Cecil B. na Mille.

Joachim Herz, who in his naw production of The Huguettots Eve. has skilfully mingled elemants nf da Mille, good taste, semiburlesque, and realistisches Musiktheater, admits that today's audiencas oo longar exactly seek our grand opera: They have such things as the ice revue instead." Mr Harz has not exhumed a corpsa, he bas revivified a phanomenon well worth reviving-although it still seems a bit early to speculate about a Mayerhaar renaissance.

Mr Herz has in no way played up tha parallel, but an Anglo-Saxon visitor inevitably draws comparisona herwaan Franca in 1572 and Northern Ireland 402 years later. At stage left, in big capital latters: Down with the Catholics! Long

Meyerbeer's libretto, slung

In a flash of psychological log special mention. interpretation of the percented ful, taunting noise. Tha other group responds, similarly and aggressively, while the King looks on with impartial amuse-ment. This continues, round by round, uotil all the swnrdsmen fically lia daad and tha Pope

joins the King in satisfaction. loachim Herz and three collaboratora have tried to make tha libretto a hit less fatuor

distant past surfaces a wisp of stage left: Down with the also interpolated about half at childhood memory: Richard Huguenots! Long Liva the bour's worth of Mayerbaer's Wagner's writing jokingly that Holy Roman Church! Man- original material cut before the in some work he had "out- kiod's long and sanguinary world premiere and nevar before Meyerheered Meyerheer". The history has made all too performed, in turn excising magnificent naw Leipzig pro- familiar the phenomenon of about the equivalent amount duction of The Huguenots mutually hostile groups who from the printed score. With makes it amply clear what slaughter cacb other in the up to 250 performers un this name of the God of mercy they Bolshoi-sized stage at once, it One cao make a snuud case claim to love in only slightly all adds up to quite an operatic avening.

By engaging only three guest the Devil, as the most sensa- together by Scribe and Des- singers, Mr Herz has madaged tionally successful oparas of his chantos, had Marguerite de 10 cast all 28 roles satisfactorily, Valois, the King's sister, doing some of them impressively. On har hit towards solving France's the opening night three singers religious borrors by trying to especially stood out; the Dresmarry protestant Huguenot boy den tenor Armin Ude as Raoul to Catholic girl. One witless (a real discovery), Jitka Kurarever combining forces with his misunderstanding leads to ever ikeva as Valentine, and Hildenatural-born stage director, greater ones, and in the fifth gard Bondzin as Marguerite, act the Catholics massacre the with Paul Glahn, Christian Hugucoots on St Bartholomew's Schneider. Rolf Tomaczewski, and Achim Wichert also deserv-

Andreas Pieske's chorus sang niachismo at the emotional root masterfully-and in nearly of such conflicts and homicidal every scene. Bernhard Schröfer dastructivity, Mr Herz has provided handsome apposite intarpolated a patumime pro- sets and costumas for the first logue. Two groups of men- two acts, but for some reason swords held in sheaths-face fell back on bare scaffoldings each other challeogingly. One and stairways for the last three, group plias its swords in and jurolog what had begun as a nut, with accompanying boast- spectacle into a sort of workshop production. Under Hansshop production. Cheer rights-jorg Leipold's skilful leader-sbip, Leipzig's Gewaodhaus Orchestra played, as it should, like ona of tha hest in the world. Anyone who may still relegate tha Laipzig upera to the "provincial' category errs



Paul Moor The Huguenots: the last act

The Dublin Theatre Festival: conversation before acting

In this genial city where conversation is still the major art, theatre evidently takes second place. No new writer of stature has emerged in the present festival; adaptations seem to be the order of the day, and most of the productions are half-heartedly acted and poorly

The best of the actual plays (and it seems to have been originally written for radio) is On the Outside by Thomas Murphy and Noel O'Doooghue. Set outside the dance-hall of a small Galway town in 1958, it shows a hoy's attempts to wheedle and bully his way inside to join the girl he invited to the dance hut whose ticket he could afford no mora than bis own. Ending with the girl coming

out on the arm of a better-heeled chap, the anecdote is slight. But the observation of the dialogue, with its wistful reference to the easy virtue of Protestant girls, and the detail of Murphy's production, from the peeled paint advertisament for a local grocer to the wiping of a greasy comb on an oversized jacket, is lovingly precise.

It would be pleasant to greet this better half of a double bill at the Project Arts Ceotre as new; but apparently it comes Mr Murphy's bottom drawer.

On the other band, Maurice Davin Power's Strongbow, at Christ Church Cathedra although oew, looks as if it could have been written any time in the last buodred years. A statuesque Irish history lesson, rejoicing in such lines as "His Majesty is still very upset about Thomas a Becket", it might be called 1177 and All That.

It was not uncharacteristic of affairs bere that a matinee of The Morgan Yard at The Olympia was advertised on the posters for 3 pm and on the nickets for 3.30. Some friends of mine arrived at ticker time to find that the show had started at 3.10, to provide more or less equal frustration for adberents

of the two nimes. However, they missed little, for the opening sections of the first two acts are virtually identical. Both presented Siob-han McKeona as a Missouri widow in animated cooversation with deceased relatives in the family graveyard.

The author is an American,

Kevin O'Morrison (my friends also thought they were going to see a new Irish plays. Lika a mid-western William Douglasfinme, he presents a doughty old woman defending her territory, ready to take on the whole American Army which plans to use the yard as a dumping ground for nerve gas containers. Neither in conversation with the living or the

There Goes the Bride Criterion

Irving Wardle

This one from the Ray Cooney and John Chapman script factory goes to confirm my long-held view that it is embarrassnent more than anything else that poisons British farce. There Goes the Bride is built

on a chassia of wedding-day cliches from fastening the collar-stud to unlocking the bride's hedroom door. Upon that foundation, however, the authors have erected a crazy superstructure which reflects farce's current yearning for the past while seeking to supply the kind of roles you would expect from Bernard Cribbins, Peggy Mount and Terence Alexander. Everything hangs on Mr Cribbins, who plays a harassed ad-man (deposited like an ambulamry slag-heap in one of Hutchinson Scott's plastic stately homes) who is trying to



Edward Byrne, Arthur O'Sullivan and Dermot Tuohy in 'The Third Policeman'.

socks, concern himself with the morality of nerve warfare. And even if Miss McKenna were to play old Carrie Morgan with a bit more guts and quirkiness the production would still say precious little about the invasion of privacy or the dignity of the individual. As it is, Miss McKenna invests the sentimental lines with a winsome lilt, which amounts 10 carrying molasses to Missouri. At the Abbey, Ulusses in Nightown consists of images that seem unrelated either to the drah Bloom of Joe Dowling or the promising Stephen of Bosco Hogan, or to their meet-ing. Restlessly Thomas Mac Ana moves from one unsatisfac-tory convention to another, ohscuring Joyce's text by having the narrative chopped about hy a chorus, and by overliteral physical illustration of the

It seems hardly less improbable to attempt a dramatization of Flann O'Brien than Joyce; hut in his version of The Third

verbal images.

Policeman, Eamonn Morrissey push a bra deal through on the the head, and, practically uniday of his daughter's marriage. Nothing could compete in improbability with the opening situation: and when Mr Cribhins gets a crack on the head

it is no shock, but a considerable relief, when his bra slogan dream-girl, a chiffon-swathed flapper, arises in person from behind the couch. At least, that diverts the plot from ooe aridly predictable course. quality of the fun, though, does not improve. As no one else can see the illusory Polly, the dialogue relaxes into interminable sequence of mechanical misunderstandings. Worse, we do not know what

the victim thinks of her. Does she express his own marital defeat ("Genghis can't", snorts bis wife), or his postalgia for the twenties? All Mr Cribbins gets over is furtive lechery and paroxysms of embarrassment. In this way, the show treads water, and offers no good reason for keeping the groom waiting at the church. Then Mr

dead, nor in the final Jacobean has created a valid and conpile-up of bodies does Mr sistent entertainment. He has O'Morrison, bless lus prion not kept the dialogues between the hern and his soul, nor found a theatrical device to match the comic features of the novel.

In effect, he has not attempted a surreal form for the surreal content; neverthe less, with complete clarity and with great zest be conveys the mad story of a young man justifying bis hern's contention that life is an illusion by helieving himself alive 16 years after his own death. The process of passing light through a mangle, and the girl transformed into a bicycle, are tolerably rapresented, the journey to eternity to a lift has a nicely matter of fact air; and O'Brien's marvellous dialogue tumbles, paradox over conundrum, from tha lios of a vigorous cast.

Together with the piece by Murphy and O'Donoghue, it puts heart into me and raises hopes for a week containing plays by Hugh Leonard. Edna O'Brien, and John McGrath.

> Charles Lewsen - -- .-.

que in my experience, we see a farce picking up at half time. With the second blow, Mr Cribbins moves totally into the twenties, seeing his house as a luxury hotel and his family as menials who will service his honeymoon requirements. Embarrassment is gone; and his new-found arrogance draws the others into his fantasy. His father-in-law (Geoffrey Sumner) gleefully takes in the role of head-porter, sacking out a clammy paim for tips. Even the enraged father of the groom gets drawn into it, and we see the two of them thasting Baldwin and the end of the genera!

It is a wretchedly written piece, combled together out of stage stereotypes, and funking its logical conclusion. But fair is fair: there is some highly effective work from the principals, Jan Butlin's production does conjure some laughs from the deadest lines; and for 20 waiting at the church. Then Mr minutes or so, the spirit of true Cribbins gets another knock on farce does take over.

Covent Garden

Elite Syncopations

John Percival

Time was when the Royal Ballet would start trends; nowadays it seems mora likely to jump on hand wagons just before they stop rolling. Here is Kenneth MacMillan starting the new season with an attempt to cash in on the popularity of last season's hit compuser, Scott Joplin.

Actually, only five of the 12 numbers in Elite Spacopations turn out to be by Joplin. The programme lists altogether eight composers, four arrangers and an editor, which must surely establish a record. The music is played on stage by a 12-piece band wearing fancy costumes for which they deserve danger money, conducted from the key-board by Philip Gammon.

Fashionable or not, I happen to like ragrime music, although I must admit to having many more lively performances. The erudite programme note quotes loplin:
"It is never right to play rag time fast", but that does not necessarily lovulve so many dragging tempi. Neither could I see much point in Mr Gammon's switching for one number from his concert grand

Los Angeles PO/Mehta Festival Hall

Joan Chissell

Sad as it was to lose the promised Elgar, it was not hard to understand the the Los philharmonic Orchestra Sound like dissenting critics. Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Zuhin Mehta chose to cod their programme on Monday with a showpiece like Strauss's Ein Heldenlehen.

With playing of such riru-osity and lovely snund in every department, it might be thought unfair to single out the leader first. But his capricious brilli-ance as the "help-mate" and exquisite seositiveness in other solos near the end were uf a quality not often heard on these shores. Of the strings in geoeral, it was the mellow, burnished ione of cellos and basses that

Voice of Ariadne Sadler's Wells

Stanley Sadie

Theu Musgrave's oem opera, which came to London on Monday after his first performances at Aldeburgh in the summer, is in one sense as impressire a piece of work as one would expect from a composer who discovers her nwn voice more truly with every substantial piece she sets down. The score never fails to hald with extra characters who add the attantion. Its textures have nothing to (indeed subtract The score never fails to hold

the vibrance and inner vitality that her recent concernos have led us to expect; the music truthfully reflects and supports the emotions expressed on stage, like the near hysterical despair of the half-deserted Countess at the end of Act II, or the obsessive preoccupation

Vesuvius Ensemble Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker

Rain is no friend to hirthday parties: a sparsely settled Queen Elizabeth Hall greeted the Vesuvius Ensemble at the first concert in celebration of their tenth aoniversary on Mon-day. One of the difficulties which must beset a "hrokeo consort" of this kind is that of choosing interesting music which efficiently displays the talents of its members in large and varied groupings. Vesuvius resolved it fairly well by an alternation of the modern and the classical, occasionally drawiog into their number an extra string.

tha short boy partoeriog a girl 100 tall for him. I hopa Balan-cbine gets a royalty. He cerraioly gets the hetter of the comparison.

best dascribe, pace John Cage,

together all the best koourn rags, Huwever, the jokas in MacMil-

lan's choreography are all well thumbed. For instance, Vergie

givan an adaptation of the

Bourree fantasque joke about

At least the choice of music

as an uoprepared piano.

There is a distinctly schoolboy sense of humour io Monica Mason's solo, hased on the belief that the sight of a bum moring from side to side is uproariously funny. Merle Park and Douald MacLeary, on the other hand, are expected to get their laughs by giving dirty looks in the pauses of a straightforward and not ootably inventive duet.

Michael Coleman has one or two unusual and difficult steps but his solo is so perfunctorily Royal Ballet sinking into the arranged that they do not odd status occupied a while back by up to much. By far the best the Paris Opera Ballet, why Eagling sinuous and supple, moving with a really personal was excluded from the cast list:

lucky man. tusk imposed on the dancers is that of wearing lan Spurling's costumes, an anthology

to an upright model which I can stripes, stars, spots, clashing

needlass to say Mr Mehta extracted a sumptuous intensity from the whole section whenever Strauss was uut to exult or

wallow.

Surring as were the brass in hattle, it was the warmth and blend of this department that again impressed most. Though, perhaps, more of a bedooist than an architect of Kempe's calibre, Mr Mehta certainly made it a

tale to remember. The concerto was Brahms's for violin. No need, on this occa-sion, 10 poae the question whether the composer was a classic or morantic. Isaac Stern and the conductor were at one rather naive diatonic hack-in their determination to extract ground. It was difficult to dethe last drop of humao amotion

of the Count in Act III (with the frenenc mandolin and high horn), or even the humorous

ones at the opening of Act II.
Yet the work, for all its
underpinning of motif, lacks
the backbone of Musgrava's best receot iosn umental works; and I am inclined to hlame this on the libretto-its structure rather than its moments of triteness. The Henry James story on which the opera is loosely hased might provide excellent material for a one-acter, or a short dramatic cantata. For a threeact opera it needed filling out,

drama. Further, and mure serious. statue lost in the Valeri family garden seems confused: we hear "the voice of Ariadne"

something from) the central

Jewish Themes, the visitor was intelligently phrased account of James McLeod, whose violin the flute solo, a bit grainy in made up the complement of sound and rather hustling, as string quartet, clarinet and if to give second-rate Mozart piano. The overture is an ami- no more than its due. Secondable work (Prokofier wrote it rate Stravinsky fared little for frieods) with surprisingly better. I find his Septet of 1953 little pungeocy and roughly tha wilful and unvielding; at least amount of development one expects from his loose-jointed vesurius, led by the energetic Balance was part of the cello of Cbarles Tunnell, hit as problem, with the pianist's hard as they decently could. Susan Bradshaw supplied a dis-creet piano accompaniment: Thea King's clarinet comment-

but nicely scaled.

colours, unflattaring shawes and extraneous decoration which make many of them look misshapen and nverweight.

The total effect is of a fifthrate caharet. If I weva to suggest that Alfonso Caia is a better choreographer than MacMillan, rou would think I Derman and Wayna Slaap are was joking. But the Raction which his Frankfurt Ballet showed at Birmingham last month was infinitely more stylish, witty and apt, using the music for a real comment on period style and on classicism, whereas MacMillan simply mugs desperately for laughs.

It must he admitted that some of the audience, although by no meaos all, lapped it up. Now that Covent Garden has largely lost its regular audience. there must always he many people present who have come for a social oceasion without really caring about, or for, ballet. Perhaps MacMillan has found how to please them. Provided that nobody minds the Royal Ballet sinking into the status occupied a while back by

snuuld we worry? It is a pity, though, to see a masterly work like Scenes de ballet, which opened the programme, suffering too. Sliphod orcbestral playing and Not the least embarrassing slipshod dancing insulted Strayinsky's music and Ashtnn's choreography. At least the Opera always showed good dancing.

first raught the ear, though from every theme. In the first movement, that sometimes weakened the music's hasic imperus, if nut the structure as a yhole, and the coda was almost slow enough to spoil some of the contrast of the slow movement itself. But always Mr Stern's phrasing was as appealing as his tone was rich and ripe. The finale was marvellously spirited

kick in the main theme. For contemporary American novelty there was Requien for Survivors by Gerhard Samuel (born 1924). Quasimodo's " And suddenly it's evening ". Mozart's "Lucrimosa", and the death of a friend, cited as morivaring forces, should have pruduced something more memorable than this series of contemporary sound effects imposed on a

Thesaus, the Count, should be obsessively searching for the lady Theseus deserted? And why should he find her tand thus happiness) in the wife who has been present, and loving, all the time? The answer has something to do with the opera's being about fulfilment through complete mutual understanding, hut it does not seem to be an answer to any relevant ques-

tect much sustained loventing.

rion.
The English Opera Group performance was distinguished by the gentle, vulnerable, puretoped impersonation of the Cuuntess by Jill Gomez and Thomas Allen's impassioned Count; there were also excellently characterized cootributions in smaller rules, notably the symbolism of the Ariadne from Anne Wilkens, Bernard Dickerson and Malcolm King. There is a skilful production hy-Colin Graham in atmospheric calling (oo tape) to her settings by Peter Whiteman. The Theseus, but why is it that her composer conducted incisively.

In Prokofiev's Overture on ence. William Bennett gave an it did not yield to the ensemble's tnuch, not very subtle, a bit restraint unnecessarily carried over from the Prokofiev.
Vesuvius ended the evening

with an enthusiastic reading of ary was refined, almost timid. the Beethoren Septct. Coordination of rolume between the Mozart's Flute Quartet in C wind and strings proved hard (K285b) is one of those pieces to resolve and led to an unwhich programmes describe as "elegant and charming" for there were many pleasing fear of exaggeration or impud-

again in the Middle East. Topping even these bullish factors was the worldwide boom in iodustrial activity. With production troubles galore, stocks were rapidly reduced.

On December 2, 1972, the LME warehouses held stocks of a record 192,100 tonnes. By June, 1973, they had fallen to 42,325 tonnes and, in March, 1974, they were almost at the crisis level at 10,475 tonnes.

That the copper price advance continued after the Arab oil shock owed much to the strength of demand. But warnings were being sounded from several activity would slow down, curtailing requirements.

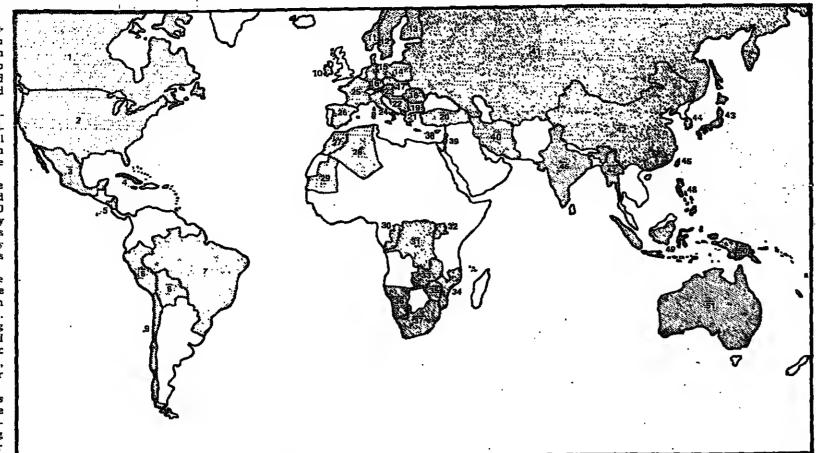
A large United States company attempted to make a "killing" by selling copper it did not own, boping to buy it back at a cheaper rate before it was due for delivery. About 22,000 tonoes were involved in W London alone, but the price went even bigber.

As this company failed to 4 meet calls for additional margins, beavy coveriog 33 became necessary. Consequently, the price of £1,200 a tonne was seen and 50 i passed. But it cost the LME 37 S dealers an estimated £3.8m. It is a great credit to the members that this was absorbed with the minimum of fuss.

Meanwhile, Japan began selling copper on the world markets, mainly the LME. This soon began to be reflected in stocks. But the price held above £1,000 to the middle of Juoe, principally on expectations of a strike io the United States copper industry. However, the stock position became increasingly significant.

With the Uoited States strike situation fizzling out, albeit reluctantly, prices began to recede, slowly at first theo more rapidly. LME stocks had iocreased to more than 80,000 tonnes and the price had plunged back to the level of May,

From April's high price of £1,410 to below £600 by the middle of September is a violent movement by any standards. Certainly no ooe wants to see that repeated.



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Zambia	638.5	615.2	534.3	580.7	603.2		727.2	672.2	630.5	697.5	6
Canada	497.6	495.9	477.5	492.6	407.5	United Kingdom	545.6	524.7	511.3	553.7	5
Chile	414.8	461.4	467.8	465.1	452.9	France	407.8	390.2	343.6	330.7	3
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China	190.0	175.0	150.0	130.0	120.0	Belgium	164.4	153.0	147.0	145.0	1
United Kingdom	184.3	180.7	187.6	208.2	198.2	Spain	135.7	121.2	94.5	108.2	
Australia	175.5	173.8	161.8	145.5	138.6	Brazil	125.3	110.6	95.3	73.9	
Poland	156.4	131.0	92.7	72.2	54.7	Australia	119.8	102.1	110.4	105.6	1
Yugoslavia	137.5	130.0	92.6	89.3	82.0	Sweden	114.0	96.9	91.4	80.9	
Spain	122.9	88.9	73.2	82.8	76.0	East Germany	100.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	
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Table includes production from blister and other primary metals, together with secondary production from scrap and The table shows consumption of unwrought refined copper other aimitar materials. It does not include copper recovered whether refined from primary or secondary materials. The Source: World Bureau of Metal Statistics.

World refined usage—the major consumers (in thousands of tonnes)

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World total	8,632.4	7,907.9	7,307.2	7,272.4	7,152.3
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Russia	1,100.0	1,080.0	1,030.0		930.0
Wesi Germany	727.2		630.5		655.7
United Kingdom	545.6	524.7			546.8
France	407.8	390.2			334.8
China	300.0	270.0			180.0
Italy	287.7	283.0	270.0		238.0
Canada	248.2	223.8	220.4		221,7
Belgium	164.4	153.0			138.0
Spain	135.7	121.2			98.2
Brazil	125.3	110.6			63.0
Australia	119.8	102.1	110.4		102.0
Sweden	114.0	96.9	91.4		88.2
East Germany	100.0	90.0			0.0
Yugoslavia					75.0
Mexico	66.0				84.9
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Loading ore at a copper mine at Mufulira in Zambia.

Violin joins the brass section

A retired German engineer, Herr Peter Ludwig Recktenwald, built a brass violin in 1971. It was found to be capable of produciog music of high tonal quality.

Lunar samples brought back by Apollo 11 and submitted to the Institute of Geological Sciences in London for examination revealed slight traces of copper.

Experiments in Brazil with a large variety of fungi cides available un the market for fighting coffee leaf rust bave proved that fungicides based on copper are the most efficient.

Beatable but highly prized

Copper was discovered and bronze, was probably the almost all ores were in first used by neolithic men first alloy made and it during the late Stone Age found particular favour for about 8000 BC. The attractive colour and the ease Some of the more practical with which it could be beaten into useful shapes were highly prized.

It is believed that copper was first smelted from ore about 3500 BC. This probably occurred by accident when fire came into contact with copper bearing ores.

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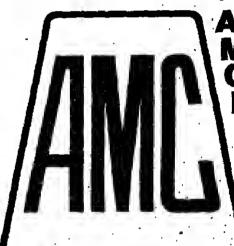
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to the earth's surface and the rock formation in which the ore is embedded.



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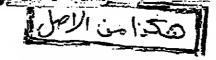
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Equestrianism



Effortless clear round by Schockemöhle

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris Although the foreign challenge at the Horse of the Year Show, which opened at Wembley's Empire Pool on Monday night, had dwindled to a few make-weights from Fraoce and Scandinavia, the brothers Schockemöble at least ware there in processes West Core brothers Schockemöhle at least were there to represent West Germany and Alwin proved himself occ again more than a match for the coure defending side. Riding the bay Weiler, be won the Butin Stakes with an effortless clear round in 42.5sec, nearly 10 seconds faster than his nearest opponent.

Twenty two borses qualified in three preliminary sections to fight out the finish against the clock.

The first to go was Tony New-

Out the finish against the clock. The first to go was Tony Newbery, making a welcome comeback after some six weeks on the sick list with jaundice and glandular fever. Riding his little Australian horse. Warwick III, be set the standard with a clear round in S1.4sec which eventually put him third.

Five horses later, Weiler went into the lead and held it thereafter, pressurizing those who followed into taking chances which did not come off in a series of vain efforts to beat the time. The vertical poles coming out of the vain efforts to beat the time. The vertical poles coming out of the double were the most commoo pensity area, and though Eddie Macken, on Easter Parade for Ireland, finished in 42.9sec to provide a valid challenge to the leader, his chances went at the planks. Harvey Smith, with Salvador, and David Broome, with both Philco and Heatwave, each made two mistakes, and finally it

was Caroline Bradley who ran Into second place. Riding the bay stallion, Middle Road, she put up the best Bridsb performance, with the last of the three clear rounds

in 50.1sec.

Hartwig Steenken, the reigning world champlon, is unable to be bere as he has sent both his best world champlon, is unable to be bere as he has sent both his best borses. Simona and Kosmos, to Dr Stihl in Switzerland for back operations—the fashlonable treatment for the prevailing weakness of so many modern show jumpers. Earlier in the evening, the amateur rider, David Turner, from East Anglia, won the London Palladium Stakes for Nadonal Hunt jockeys on his father's horse, Stratheden, with a second clear round in 28.7 sec. David Nicholson was runner-up on Bay Rum, from the Oliver stable, in 29.4 sec, and Debbie Johnsey's Weish pony stallioo, Champ VI, was third in 29.6 sec with John Francome up. Francume was a well known young show jumping rider before be joined Fred Winter's yard aa an apprentice jockey, but he has been away from this game for so long that he forgot the conrse and lost four valuable seconds in finding his way again.

Earlier still, at the owners' and riders' meening, Trevor Banks dropped a bombshell when be suggested that jumping members should pay an annual subscription of £25 instead of the present £5 in order to put the British Show Jumping Association in a hetter financial position. He got some support, moreover, but the opposition predominated, "They all get a lot out of show jumping and

they should put something back in '', he said.

The question is timely, in view of the fact that it is unlikely that there is enough money in the kitty to send a veam on the North American indoor circuit, where last year in New York Britain won the Nations Cup. With 10,000 jumping members, the suggested increase in subscriptions would provide another £200,000. It is probable that the £5 basic rate is for the average active member exceeded in expenditure on postage, telephone calls and clerical work in the registradon department.

ment.
Foreign tours are at present fidanced by the Dlympic Equestrian Fund to the tune of £20,000 a year. With this additional in-

trian Fund to the tune of £20,000 a year. With this additional income, more money could be made available for the other disciplines, who are still the poor relations of thes bow jumpers, although the three-day event team holds both team and individual Olympic gold medals and the combined driving team won the world champlonship in Switzerland Yesterday's daily programme, which started at 9 am and confinused until 5.30, consisted entirely of preliminary qualifying sections for last night's National Foxlunter championship and Philips Electrical Stakes. Tedius to a degree, it was some 20 years out of date and geared to the days when entries were less than balf their present proportions.

RESULTS: Builth Stakes: 1. A. Schockendhie's Weller IW Germany; 2., Miss C. Bradtey's Middlo Road; 3. T. Newbery's Warwick III. London Palladium Stakes: 1, D. Turner's Stratheden; 2. O. Nicholson's Bay Rum; and 5. J. Francome's Champ VI.

Hunt again leads Ryder Cup team

Ryder Cup team at Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania, on September 19-2t

next year.

The PGA announced yesterday that the former leading amateurs. Trevor Homer. Harry Ashhy, Michael Kiog, John Downie, Gary Logan and Andrew Chandler have been averaged. been accepted as unirnament-playing professionals.

Previously applications for tournament playing membership were accepted only from agasteor internationals under the age of 25, but the PCA has amended the role to give them power in consider exceptional cases. Homer, twice amateur champion, and Ashhy. twice English amateur champion, were accented under the amendment. King is a former Walker Cup international, and Downie and Luzan both England Internationals. Chandler is a former British muther champion who have the youths' champion who has never been a full international. He will

Bernard Hont (Hartsbourne), he allowed to compete in tourna-who led the British Isles in the close battle against the United States at Muirfleld last year, will be non-playing captain again of the

membership.

Peter Unsterhuis is philosophical about his match against Tuny Jacklin, in the first round of the £30,000 Piccadilly world match play championship, which hegins over the West Course at Westwarth tomorrow. Westworth tomorrow. The 26-year-old Gosterhuis, who has just returned from the United

States where he successfully came through a regional qualifying test in his first step to earn his United States PGA players' card, said: "Someone has to win and someone has to lose. Naturally we both the state will be should be a result. want to win. It should be a good match

Match."

Oosterhuis dld not play over the course yesterday but just contented himself by hitting shots on the practice ground. "I've seen a lot of the course", he remarked. Oosterhuis has been made second favourite, at 5-1, to win the first prize of \$10,000.

Jacklin, at 9-1, played 16 holes on his own. He said afterwards; "The course is very wel and "The course is very well and playing long, but it suits me."
Gary Player, the defending champlon, is a firm favonrite at 7-4 to win the fille for a record sixth time. The championship is known as "Player's henefit". He has played every year since the event was Inaugurated in 1964 and has collected £43,000 in prize muney.

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The 38-year-old reigning Open champion from Suuth Africa should have no difficulty in minning his opening game, against the American nervenmer. Ben Crenshaw, frum Austin, Texas, who turned professional last year. He has had a disappointing season to for the likes a marking reason. He has had a disappointing season so far. He likes a man-tu-man romhat and said: "I know Gary is the best match player in the world, but if t have a gond day I will be right in there with a chance." The winner will cume up against either the Australian, Graham Marsh, or another first-time American, Jerry Heard. Bob Charles tackles Hale trwin.

Thornhills a formidable combination

England Internationals Jill Thornbill and Mary Everard are likely 10 meet each other in the final of the Worplesdon mixed foursomes tournament, near

Normally, the women in this competition are better players than their male partners. Mrs Toornhill and Miss Everard justified that mil and wass everary justice that tradition by taking much of the responsibility for their commanding victories during the opening two rounds yesterday.

Mrs Tbornhill, playing with her husband. John, must have formed one of the strongest combinations on the tough course because, after winning their first round match 7 and S. they needed two holes less to eliminate Barry Armstrong and his wife.

Miss Everard, from Yorkshire, Miss Everard, from Yorkshire, a former England champion, was partnered by Ian Boyd | Berkshire) and played twice. In the morning they beat John Watts (East Herts) and Pat Cardy (Sonning) 6 and 4 and then knocked out Peter Gammon (Trevose) and Barbara Barth (Hardsorth) mon (Trevose) and Barbara Bargh (Handsworth) S and 4 to reach the last 16.

Two other pairs have a good chance. David Frame, former Walker Cnp man, is playing on his bome course with Heather Clifford (North Hants) while Reg Glading (Addington Palace), another ex-Walker Cup player, has also formed a useful combination

with bis club team-mate. Size Birley.

Major surprise of the day was the first round defeat of Richard Evans (Woodbridge) and Tegwen Perkoos (Wenvoe Castle), the defending champlons. Miss Perkins, a Curtis Cup player, and her two-handicap partner were beaten 3 and 2 by Stephen Morgan | Royal Dornoch) and his wife, Vibeke, former Danish champion, who now former Danish champion, who no plays at Royal Mid Surrey.

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Home truth told with gentle courtesy

Tennis Correspondem Madrid, Oct 8

One by one, the eight men heaten in straight sets by seeded players in the Melia Trophy tenuis tournament made their way slowly back to the dressing roums in the heat of the aftermon. Heads droop-ing, they were disconsolately thoughtful, because it had been thoughtful, because it had been rather a sweat, and nuthing had come of it. Yesterday, two of the lo seeds Vijay Amritral and Brian Goutfried, were beaten. But of the five who won, only Jiri Brebec lost a set. The sixteenth seed, Christopher Mottram, of Bruain, today contpleted a 5—7, 7—6, 10—8 rein over Harald Elschenbroich, aged 33, and ranked funth in Germany.

By 3-30 nm this second day, Britein's challenge had been reduced from vight men to two 15-10tram and Roger Taylor) and frum five women to three (Susan

from five women to three (Susan Barker, Lindsry Bearen and Susan Atappint, That was not merely disappointing. It was embarrassing. Some of the clay court experts discussed the British men in kindly discussed the British men in kindly disparaging terms. It was impossible to generalize, they said, because every man differed in talent and character. But some of the British players did not practise enough, seemed reluctant to work on their games, and were not adequately prepared for their matches. By contrast they cited the case of Guttfried, who was beaten vesterday but was practis. beaten vesterday but was practis-ing at 9 o'clock this morning.

'' He's thinking of next week.''!

But it seemed that some of the
British players did not mind lesing

British players did not mind losing in the first round every time they played. "They're like the halians. They are very lazy, they dan't practise much, and they are roady to go home."

For all the genile rouriesy with which it was expressed, the criticism was withering. But Britain can still look forward to these men's matches; Taylor r Jaime Fillol, runner-up here a year ago, and Mottram v Vitas Gerulaids, a young New Yorker of Lithuannan and Mottram v Vitas Gerulains, a young New Yorker of Lithuanian stock. Mottram, who lear Rad Laver here last year, played an addity patchy game against Elschenbroich, who survived a car crash at 100 miles an hour in 1966 and presumably regards all the fun he has had since then as something of a bonus.

Mottram led 4—0 and 5—3 before losing the first set. He saved a match point after leading 4—2 in the second. He lost four successive games after having two successive games after having two match points at 5-2 in the third. He is only 19 and was struggling

to remember how to play on courts life these. This is his first tournament since Wimbledon, his first on clay since April, and his first on the clay of mainland Enrope to Madrid a year ago. In these circumstances, his protracted article with the screne and sunny-natured Elschenbroich was exactly what Mottrant needed—as long as he won it, which he did.

Of the other British meu, the only one in action today was

only one in action roday was Graham Stilivell, beaten 6—2, 6—3 by Patrick Proisy, who was romaer-up for the 1972 French open champinnship. Proisy had problems with his muscles and his game last year but again seems to be pushing his way towards the tront rank. He has been winning regularly in France, though last Sunday he was runner-up to Francols Jauffret at Lynns In the French thised championship tevery year somebody, usually Proisy, ls runner-up to Jauffret in the French closed championship).

Miss Beaven won 7-6, 7-3 against Dapline Partison, who reas a playing the feet comparison of the state of the st

against Dapline Pattison, who reas playing her first competitive singles since December. but did well chough to serre for both sets before losing them. Aliss Mappin won 6—3, 6—0 against Carmen Bustamante of Santander. Lesley Charles was beaten 6—3, 6—3 by Almut Gtrocerer thee Sturmt, who formerly played for Gerotany in the world team championship, withdrew from regular competinous when she married three years ago, but has recently heen playing well in Cerman tournaments. Roger Taylor's wife, Frances, who vaguely remembers winning a tournament in Madrid in the days whett she was one of Britain's ranked players, was beaten 3—6, 6—4, 6—3 by Carmen Coronado.

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NEN'S SINGLES: Second round; R. horn (Sweden) peat I. Pata (Cachustockia), b-1, 0-4; I. (Gibert (Swill) heart P. Contingues (Trance) (Swill) heart P. Contingues (Trance) (P. Lornelo (Lille) beat M. Millier (Swill) heart P. Lornelo (Lille) beat R. Phillips-Monre (Mistralla) beat R. Sarah (R. Lornelo) (Mistralla) beat R. Sarah (Mistralla) beat R. Sarah (Mistralla) beat R. Mistralla) beat R. Johnson (Sweden), 6-2; I dilad (Calue) beat II. (Calue) beat Mistralla (Mistralla) be

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Holders given away tie in Gillette Cup

Kent, the Gillette Cup holders, learnt that they were given an away tie for the first time in two years, when the draw for the first two rounds of the 1975 competition

shire get through. Kent's cup record against Sussex is poor as they have won only one of their four previous meetings and Sussex were the last team to beat them in the Gillette Cup in 1973.

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Ranked American next on the list to meet Bugner

Boxing Correspondent Yeslerday should have seen all away tie for the first time in two years, when the draw for the first two rounds of the 1975 competition was made at Lord's yesterday.

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FIRST ROUND: Surrey v. Somerset; Cambridgeshire v. Comwall; Staffordshire v. Leicestersbire; Northighamshire v. Sussex v. Kent; Yorkshire v. Sussex; Middlesex v. Buckinghamshire or Sussex v. Kent; Yorkshire v. Staffordshire or Leicestershire; Gloucestershire v. Derbyshire; Warwickshire v. Derbyshire; Warwickshire v. Derbyshire; Warwickshire v. Cambridgeshire v. Camb

he won five other bouls inside the distance during 1973.

Air Duff hopes to be at the ringside in Philadelphia this evening fur the middleweight match between Emile Griffiths and Benny Reserce with the idea of offenting Briscoe with the idea of offeriog the winner a match with Britain's European champion. Kevin Finoe gan. Briscoe is the leading con-tender for the world Championship.

Griffiths, though nuw rated eighth has one of the most extraordioary modern ring records for he won the welterwelght championship in 1961, 1962 and 1963 and the world middleweight title in 1966 and

1967.

John Conteh, Britain's new world light-beavyweight champion, seems certain to accept an invitation from the Zaire government to attend the world beavyweight bour between George Foreman and Mubaumad Ali in Kinshasa on October 29. The invitation came from the chief press officer for the promotion, Tshimpumpu wa Tshimpumpu after he had learnt Tshimpumpu, after he had learnin London recently that Conteh had an African tie in bls father who comes from Slerra Leone. Conteh's stable mate, the former Conten's stable mate, the former British middleweight, Bunnty Sterling, bas a light-heavyweight match against Victor Attivor, of Ghana, at the Anglo-American Sporting Club in London on Detober 16, and next month there are plans for Sterling to box Elijab Makhatini in South Africa.

Rugby Union

No more talk of captain's dictatorship

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

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For the first time in their hisrory the Oxford University Rugby Cinb bave appointed an official coaco, leuan Jones. It has also been ordained, on the initianive of the new captain, Charles Kent, that there shall be a selection cummitaee comprising captain, coach and a. N. Other. At least there can be no more talk of a captain's dicaturship, benevolent or otherwise. The dashing Kent, an England Juder-23 centre, is determined to to in charge on the field but realistically believes that a coach and a limitated will combine to pruluce essendal specialist experience and a consensus of good will leuan Jones, formerly master in harge of the game at Nurthampon Crammar School, is now director of physical education and essure at Stantinhury Campus, filton Keynes. He is an England 9 groop selecture and the coaching organizer in East Midlands. Vhatever else he achieves, the telly in get the Oxford scrummagne right. In his nitwing days, as a rop with the Rugby club, I believe e welgbeel in at over 20st. He has nw fined down a stone or so.

which should still be enough to test the Oxford front row in training. Kent has six other Blues in rest-

Kent has six other Blues in restdence, one of them, the wing,
Dunbar, who played against Cambridge in 1970, 1971 and 1973.
Trinubled by a hamstring for the
past couple of seasons, Dunbar is
having to take things gingerly. The
remaining Blues are Clarke (wing),
who should be fit again shortly,
after a hout of glandular fever;
Glover, last year's stand-off, and
present appearing in the centre;
the lock, Kyrke-Smith; the flanker,
Lee, a New Zealander; and the
No 8, McClure, who was married
this summer and may not be able
to play regularly.
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leuan lones, formerly masier in harge of the game at Nurthampon Crammar School, is now director of physical education and ensure at Stantanbury Cambus, filton Keynes. He is an England 9 groop selectur and the coaching, organizer in East Midlands, Vhatever else he achieves, he tokely in get the Oxford scrummag, the right. In his playing days, as a rop with the Rugby club, I believe e weighed in at over 20st. He has nw fined down a stone or so,

The arrival of McDonald, a talt and heavy No 8 from Stellenbosch, is a source of encouragement. So also is the possible reinforcement, if rumour be correct, embodied in an Australian lock, who played against the touring All Blacks last summer and is said to be on his way here. But no one has seen him yet, and no one, it seems, can he yet, and no one, it seems, can he sure of his identity. Due of the freshmen is Philip Woodhead, who has made a name for himself as a hardy tight head prop with the England 19 group.

Certainly there is no lack of enthusiasm or dedication at Iffley Road. Forty players turned up for training three weeks hefore the start of term. The capain is insistent that from now on these feets with the committee of the co tain is insistent that from now on there shall be concentrated training just twice a week. "More than that". Kent declares, "and I am sure that players tend to get fed up and mentally jaded." Dxfurd have been pacing themselves on the run-in with matches against Oxford (Town) and the Anti-Assassins. They lost two men in the first game, going down 3-9 but they won the other 12-8. Today they meet Keny's home club, Bridgwater and Albinn.

New Warwickshire caps for first game

Nuncaton's John Jones and obert Pigott, nf Rugby, win their rst caps in Warwickslure's opents; county championship match at nundon Road, Coventry, next Jednesday against Nintts, Lines and Derbys, Jones plays to the scond row and Pigott joins hix to colleagues, Cawell and Mallk, i an all-Rugby back row. The sam is led by full back Rossorough, of Coventry, who supply to remainder of the side. Sam Dobbe makes a care mideck appearance for Moselcy when to play Glonester at Kingsholm might. He replaces Blagg, who is played full back in all loselcy's midweek games this ason. The only change from the de which beat Sale 57—6 on thirday, is at cand-off half, hoper is unavailable and Aikenhad, formerly with Cheltenham, kes lus place.

kes his place.
Oxfordshire make two changes
the side to meet Hertfordshire the county championship at oxicy Green this afternoon.

Full back Grant, who was to have had his first game, has been dropped after failing to turn up for a training session and lock forward Flexher has withdrawn with a rin injury. Their places are taken by Lvon and Christopher Jones.

Wasps full back, Richards, whn fractured his jaw when playing for England Under-23 against North of England, will be out of the game for lunger than was at first whought. He is not likely to be back in action before December and this chuld spoil his prospects of getting an England trial. Anderson comfines at full back in an unchanged tram against Bristol

Anderson continues at full back in an unchanged tram against Bristol at Suddury an Saturday.

British Llon Alistair Biggar recorns against Rosslen Park at the Athletic ground. Michael takes over its the back row from Whitehead and Alistair replaces Risk in the rentre.

Blackheath, who had their side against Birkenhead Park last week decimated by a 'flu epidemic, will

be back almost to full strength for their visit to Newport on Saturday. Saracens have selected the same Saturday team for the past fire weeks and have had to make only nne enforced late change in that nme. They pick the same team for the visit to Metropolltan Police at Imber Court. Hooker Ashby and front row forward Strong return to the Richmond pack for the game at Leicester. They replace Bond and Slattery for their first senior games

since the club's West Country lour which opened the season. which opened the season.

David Caplan. Tony Bottomley and Terry Donovan, who were in the Yorkshire side last week, return to Heodingley for their home match with Huddersfield on Saturday. It will be the first occasion in seven years that these two clubs have been able to meet two clubs have been able to meet each other on a day when none of their players had county commitments.

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Court of Appeal Katie Stewart

Reengagement of men unfairly dismissed and likelihood of industrial strife

Coleman and Another v Magnet Joinery Ltd

Befure Lord Salmon, Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Mackenna

Where an employee who has been unfairly dismissed applies for reengagement, an industrial tribunal, when considering whether it make such a recommendation, can and should consider the consequences of such reengagement, because if industrial strife is likely to result reengagement would not be "practicable, and to accordance with equity".

The Court of Appeal dismissed appeals by Mr Brian Coleman and Mr Robert Stephenson, both of Keighley, Yorkshire, from the decision of the Natinnal Industrial Relations Court 1The Times, October 23, 1973; 1974 ICR 25) dismissing their appeals from an infortural tribunal stripus of the management. The appeal into serious and the management. The appeals and the management. The appeals said the management. The appeals serious serious and the management.

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The appellants in person; Mr Alexander Irvine for the em-

Alexander Irvine for the employers.

LORO SALMON said that the appellants, both skilled craftsmen, were formerly employed by Magnet at their factory at Kelghley. The trockers were all members of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians and for many years before 1971 a closed snop had been operating. After the Industrial Relations Act had come into operation the closed shop coud no longer be imposed, but the relationship between the comployers, the union and the workpopie was excellent and by mutual agreement the closed shop system continued. The appellants, however, became dissatisfied with the union's efforts for the workmen, although, according to the eridence which the tribonal accepted, the vast majority of the workmen were happy with their

Queen's Bench Division

appellants, union representatives and the management. The appellants said that they had no intention of paying the arrears but they oftered to pay a like amount to a charity. The offer was not acceptable to the union.

On March 20 many of the men stopped work, saying that they were not prepared to go on working unless something was done about the appellants' arrears. The men were persuaded to go back to work, but they gave an ultimatum to the employers that unless appropriate steps were taken in respect of the appellants everyone would strike at 4 pm that afternoon.

would strike at 4 pm that after.

non.

The aopeliants' case was that their offer to pay the dues to charity would have been acceptable to the workmen on the shop floor. They said that the industrial tribunal ought to have drawn the inference that if either the union officers or the management representatives had told the men of their offer their would not have been a strike. The tribunal made no such finding. In his Lordship's view there was no evidence on which they could have cume to such a conclusion. If that was the appellants' case nothing could have been easier than for them to have been easier than for them to have called some of their fellow work-men to say that their contention

was correct. They did say that they had asked six of their fellow workmen to give evidence before the tribunal but they had not turned up. Two shop stewards had given evidence but they said nothing which would have lent the slightest support to the appellant's submission.

submission.

The defendants dismissed the appellants before 4 o'clock an March 20. If they had not done so there would obviously have been a strike. That dismissal had been found to be an unfair dismissal and it clearly was within the meaning of the Industrial Relations Act.

tions Act.
Compensation for enfair dis-Compensation for enfair dismissal was dealt with by the tribunal on a fair basis, but the appellaots said that they wished to be reengaged by their employers and that the tribunal ought to have recommended their raengagement. Section 106(4) of the Industrial Relations Act provided that where on a complaint relating to dismissal the industrial tribunal "It) considers that it would be practicable, and in accordance with equity", for the complainant to be reengaged by the employer, the tribunal should make a recommendation to that effect. The tribunal made no such recommendation, and the processing the said to be recommendation, and the present the processing the said that the processing the processing the said that the processing the processing the processing the processing the processing that the processing the processin ation to that effect. The tribunal made no such recommendation, and it was gulte plain that they did not consider that reengagement would be practicable or in accordance with equity.

It was argued that the only thing the tribunal bad to consider was whether it would be possible for the employers to reemploy workmen who bad been unfairly dismissed and if it would be possible then a recommendation ought to be mada. That construction of section 10614) (b) was untenable. "Practicable, and in accordance with equity" were ordinary English words and their meaning was perfectly plain. There was nothing which could lead any court to give to those words the fantastically artificial meaning suggested.

suggested.

His Lordship agreed with the decision of the Industrial Court that the tribunal were amply jus-

tifled in concluding that it would be impracticable and not in accordance with equity in ask the employers to take the appellants back. It was obvious that if the appellants ware reemployed there would have been the same if not even greater industrial unrest and strife as extised on March 20 as a result of their conduct. To as a result of their conduct. To say that it would have been practicable to recommend their reemployment and in accordance with equity would be a travesty of the English language.

The court could out interfere with the industrial Court's deci-

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, agreeing, said the question was: Was it oracticable and in accordance with equity for the appellants to be reengaged? On the cyidence the answer was No. The language used by the tribunal seemed to show that they had some doubt as to what extert they could consider the consequences of reengagement, but the Industrial Court beld that they could and should consider the consequences of recommending reengagement. If the reengagement of the appellants the reengagement of the appellant would lead to industrial strife if would not be practicable and in accordance with equity for recognizement to take place.

The Industrial Court's view as to recommendation for reengagement was reaffirmed in Bateman v British Leyland UK Ltd (11974) ICR 4031 where Sir Hugh Griffiths said that "If the evidence points overwhelmingly to the conclusion that the consequence of any attempt to reengage the employee will result in serious industrial strife, it will be neither practicable nor io accordance with equity to make such a recommendation". able nor to accordance with equity to make such a recommendation.". Strictly speaking, it was the reengagement which must be practicable and in accordance with equity. With that slight alteration in wording his Lordship agreed entirely with what the Industrial Court had sald.

Mr Justice MacKenna deliveres Solicitors: Freedman & Co.

had been killed within seven years

Court of Appeal

No seat belt, but damages are not reduced

Chapman v Ward Sefore Mr Justice Stocker

[Judgment delivered October 7] A passenger in a car who was not wearing a seat belt was not not wearing a seat belt was not guilty of contributory negligence when she was injured by the driver's negligence when the carleft the road and hit a telegraph pole. His Lordship so held when awarding Mrs Mary Marlene Chapman, of Rectory Road, Dexford, Cambridge, the full amount of ber claim against the driver, Mrs Mary Ward, of Chesterton Road, Cam-Ward, of Chesterton Road, Cam-ladge, for injuries received in the accident in November, 1972. Mr Royald Walker for Mrs Chapman : Mr Kelth Evans for the derendant,

derendant,

MR JUSTICE STOCKER said
that he adopted the approach laid
down in O'Connell r Jackson
(1972) I OB 27n1, and that if concributory negligence was proved
he would reduce the award by 15
per cent. But was contributory
mynigance established? The failure
to wear a seat boit had been considered on a number of occasions,
but not by the Court of Appeal. but not by the Court of Appeal, but not by the Court of Appeal, who had considered the question of crash helmots in O'Connell's Case. There a moped driver, even though he drove with the greatest care, was field to be negligent in not wearing a helmel and had his damages reduced by 15 per cent because he ought reasonably to have foreseen the possibility of his being involved in an accident. If the decision covered the protect

that decision covered the present case, his Lordship was bound by it, and the failure to wear a belt had to be read in the light of O'Conucil's case.

Over the past 18 months there had no been coefficient against here Over the past 18 months there had been coofdicting results. In Paternack v Poulton (1973) I WLR 476 (Judge Konnell Jones, QC), Pernell v Shields [1973] RTR 115 (Mr. Justice Wien), and McGee v Francis Shaw & Co Lid (1973] RTR 409 (Mr. Justice Kilner Brinem, the awards had been refuged for failure to wear a belt. Those coses were to be compared with later ones. In Challoner v Williams (The Times, April 4: 1974) RTR 22tt Mr Justice Shaw, obter, drew a distinction between the non-time of a seat belt by an occupant of a car and the non-wearing of a crash helmet by the rider of a morped or motor cycle. He said: "The rider is romstandly in a precurious situation, for he lie said: "The rider is constantly in a precurious situation, for he is ournelosed and is at all times it a state of unstable equilibrium. Dancer leons large and continuously as lone as he is in the saidle. He exposes himself to a very high decree of risk. For myself I would not equate the position of secretics in a car with the simultance a megod or motor cycle rider. Not would I equate outh the re-

Incantation unnecessary

Regina v Lock

sume form of incantation when explaining the burden of proof to

False milages cost £1,500

From Our Correspondent
Shroushiny
Milage recorders on fifty vars sola by a firm of dealers had been furned lack by as much as 14,000 miles, resulting in an extra profit estimated at 2,500, it was alleged at Shreushury Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Middlehurst pleaded guilty five offences, and eight wete taken into consideration. They and the company were each ordered to pay \$1,000 costs.

Fight years for

Casile Motors (Bury) Ltd. of Boilon Street, Bury, Greater Manchester, were lined \$1,500 after pleading guilty to 10 charges of selling or offering for sale cars whose milometers had been aftered to show a . lower reading. Forty-three similar oftences were taken into consideration.

the consideration.
Lionel Edward Lucas, aged
59, of Aissnorth Road, Bury,
and Samuel Roy Middlehurst,
aged 40, of Rochdale Road,
Middlehun, directors of the
company, were each fined
51,000. Mr Lucas admitted six
offences under the Trade
Descriptions Act and asked for Pescriptions Act and asked for doctor seven others to be considered, years.

some specific circumstance which creates a special risk, as for example where a passenger knows that his driver is drunk or incompetant." In Smith mid Another u Blackburn (The Times, May 171, Mr Jusoce O'Connor similarly said that failure to wear a seat belt did not amount to contributory negligence.

Mr Justice Nield, in Froom and Others u Butcher on lune 24.

Mr Justice Nield, in Froom and Others u Eutcher on June 24, cited passages from the judgments of Mr Justice Shaw and Mr Justice Shaw and Mr Justice O'Convor, distinguished the case of the driver and a passenger in a motor car from that of the rider of a motor cycle, and held that failure to wear a helt was not contributory negligence.

to take care against any risk which might occur? The defendant maintained that a general risk of accident could occur in so many ways that in every case the duty to take care arose before the journey began. Mrs Chapmao journey began. Mrs Chapmao maintained that the chances of an accident were, in fact, remote, and that the duty to take care could not be thrown so wide. The situation would be different, for example, on a motorway in snow or fue.

or cunnor and my justice riteral and held that the duty was not as uside as the defendant contended. In the present case the defendant had been driving for 13 years without an accident and the journey was along a country road in broad daylight. She did not wear a belt berself and did not encourage Mrs Chapman to do so. No one could have foreseen that the car would suddenly leave the road and lut a telegraph post. But nothing his Lordship said cast doubt on the wisdom of wearing belts. Road safety stadstics put in evidence showed the casualty rate of tront seat passengers not wearing a helt to be twice as high as that of those who did wear them. In the present case prudence liat of those who did wear them. In the present case prudence might well have dictated that a belt should have been worn, but the duty which Mrs Chapmao oved herself was not breached by failure to wear one. His Lordship would make no deducdon from the award of \$1,394.

Solicitors: Penningtons and Lowis 5. Louis for Wild Hersitson.

Lewis & Lewis for Wild, Hewitson

Regina v Lock
for coared to say that a conviction ought to be quashed because
a judge field to use a particular
meanitation in directing a jury on
the burden or standard of proof
tasts to torn the Court of Appeal
litto a game of forfeits, Lord
Judges Lawton and when dispressing an appeal egainst a conviction for drea offences.

HIS LORDSHIP, who was string
with Lord Justice Scarman and
the lostice Dunn, said that he
looped such an approach would be
atomidated. The idea had gain
around that judges had to use

bogus doctor

A pregoant woman allowed her lodger to exatoine her while her husband locked on, hecause she thought he was a doctor, it was stated at St

Mr Johnson, of Bailey Place, Sydenbam, London, denied two charges of indecently assaulting the woman and said he had never pretended to be a

sponsibility of such a rider to take steps for his safety that of the occupant of a car, unless there is some specific circumstance which

One matter cousing divergence of judicial opinion was the question whether the risk was reasonably foreseeable. Was there a dury in both lown and country

His Lordship lined himself up with Mr Justice Shaw, Mr Justice O'Cunnor and Mr Justice Nield and held that the duty was not as

& Shaw, Cambridge; Few & Kester, Cambridge.

Eight years for

Albans Crown Court, Hertford-shire, yesrerday. The lodger, Reginald Johnson, agen 57, had never been a doc-

doctor. He was jailed for eight

Widow's damages reduced by agreement

Davies v Whiteways Cyder Company Ltd

Company Ltd
The Court of Appeal granted an application by Whiteways Cyder Company Ltd for leave to withdraw their appeal from a judgment of Mr Justice O'Connor (The Times, June 6; [1974] 3 All ER 1681 awarding damages to the executors of the estate of Mr Denzil Davies, who was killed in a road crash in 1971, because the parties had agreed the terms of a settlement. The settlement subsoftness for the total damages awarded by the judge—261.614 and costs esdimated at £7,000—£45,000 to include costs and interest.

The withdrawal of the appeal leaves intact the judge's decision that damages were recoverable in a claim under the Fatal Accidents Acts for additional estate duty pald on gifts and dispositions of £40,000 made by the deceased for the state of the target of his telfe and son during

on gifts and dispositions of £40,000 made by the deceased fur the benefit of his wife and son during his life hut which had to be paid hecause the husband was killed within seven years of making them. Mr John Wood, QC, fur Whiteways, said that as the circumstances were unusual and the case was reported on the interesting legal issue of the estate duty, it had been agreed that be should tell the court something about the In the acdon by the executors

in the action by the executors liability had been admitted; but on the damages there had been a claim for the additional estate duty payable because the husband

of making dispositions of £40,000 for bls wife and son. Mr Justice O'Connor had included £16.674 for the estate duty element; and there was no authority other than his indement on that interesting point of law which would have been an issue on the proposed appeal. But the parties had now agreed But the parties had now agreed a settlement for a total figure of £45,000 to Include damages. Interest and costs. Each side bad had its own reasons for reaching the agreement. One very strong element was that the widow, who had been through the transmatic experience of the trial, wanted an eod to the proceedings. The company had achieved a satisfactory result by a reduction of something like £23,000 in the damages and costs awarded. In all the circumstances the court was asked to give stances the court was asked to give leave to withdraw the appeal on the terms of the settlement.

Mr David Sullivan, for the executors, said that the settlement reflected almost entirely the mental anxiety which the widow felt about the appeal and the pos-sibility of a further appeal and ber wish to bring it to an end without prejudice to the law as decided

The court (Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Grr and Lord Jusce Browne) ordered that, the parties having agreed terms of settiement, the appellant company should be at liberty to withdraw the appeal.

Chancery Division

Deposits put in special account held on trust

Before i.ir Justice Megarry

Before I.Ir Justice Megarry
[Judgment delivered October 4]
In cases concerning the public, where money in advance is paid to a company in return for the future supply of goods or services, it is an ennirely proper and honourable thing for the company to pay the money into a trust account as soon as doubts arise as to the company's ability to fulfil its future obligations.

His Lordship, on a summons by

ohligadons.

His Lordship, on a summons by Mr Arthur William Wainwright and Mr David Alexander Wild, joint liquidators of Kayford Ltd. made a declaration that the principal moneys amounting to 537,872, together with inverest, held to the credit of the company on detosit with the Nafional Westminster Bank at Newtoo Heath, Manchester, were held on trust for those persons who had paid to the company the respective moneys which made up the total of £37,872, to proportion to the amounts paid by each person.

Mr Allan Heymao, QC, and Mr E. W. Hamilton for the liqui-dators: Mr M. K. I. Kennedy for Mr Joels, representing the persons who had paid moneys to the com-

pany.

HIS LORDSHIP and that the company carried on mail order husiness in bedding quilts and screech covers for chairs and so on. Customers paid either the full on. Customers plan denot me full price in advance or a deposit. In 1972 the company had difficulties in getting supplies and entered into an arrangement with some manu-facturers.

an arrangement with some manufacturers.

After an advertising campaign by the company in Accost, 1972, money-came in for goods, but the company found itself unable to meet all the orders. By November, 1972, the company's chief supoliers were in some difficulties after the company had already had to sepport them to the entent of some \$80,000.

The company's managing director tooks advice from accountants specialising in figuration and from its bank runnager. On November 27, 1972, he have instructions to the bank to open a dormant deposit account in the company's name with \$47 to its credit. That accounts had to its credit. That accounts with \$47 to its credit. That accounts were with \$47 to its credit. The company's were with \$47 to its credit. That account all the counts are all the second and the

In re Kayford L1d (in liquidation),
Before ill Jusce Megarry

formed part of the general assets of the company.

Mr Heyman contended that there was no trust so that the money tormed part of the general assets of the company.

of the company.

Mr Kennedy appeared for Mr Joels, who on December 12 paid the company £32 for goods which bad not been delivered, and a representation order was sought on behalf of 700 or 800 others whose money was paid into the bank account. His Lordship made that 'order. Mr Kennedy argued for the existence of an effective trust.

trust.

In all the circumstances, it is Loriship had no doubt that the intention was that there should be a trust. There were no formal difficulties. The property concerned was pure personalty, and so writing, though desirable, was not an essential. There was no doubt abnout the so-called "three certainties" of a trust. The subject matter to be held on trust was clear, and so were the beneficial interests therein, as well as the beneficiaries. As for the requisite certainty of words, it was well settled without using the words "trust" or "confidence" and the like; the question was whether in substance a sufficient intenion to create a trust had been manifected. to create a trust had been mani-

His Lurdship felt ne doubt that at the state of the control that the advice the control was accepted was to establish a tensi account at the hank. The whole purpose of what was done has to ensure that the moneys remained in the beneficial contensity of those who seet them. those who sent them, and a trust tras the obvious means of schieving that object.

ochieving that object.

Different considerations might perhaps arise in relation to trade creditors: but in die present case his Lordship was concerned with members of the public, some of whom could ill-afford to exchange their money that a chain in the lineldship, and sill of whom were ormably antions to avoid that. In rares, concerning the public, it seemed to his Lordship that where money in advance was paid to a seemed to his Lordwilly that where money in returns the supply of cooks or services, it was an entirely proper and honourable time for the company to down that the present company had done, upon stilled advice, namely, to tay the money into a frust account as soon as doubts appeared as to the company's ability to fulfil as to the commant's ability to fulfil

its future obligation.
His Lordship, sitting in the Com paines Court, wished that he had heard of the practice occurring more frequently; he could only hope that he would do so in the

Solicitors: Boyall & Boxall for Jackson, Harris & Co., Manchester.

Plenty of good reasons for the cook to go nuts

The confectioner or pastryconk may take the credit for having exploited the flavour and texture of nuts to the full-using hazlenuts and caramel pounded nazieuuts and raramei poudded together ta make praline; coasted almonds for nougat; smooth creams of butter, sugar and ground almonds to make crème d'amandes and frangipahe, or mixtures like marzipan

and macarooo. But nuts are extraordinarily versatile, and while they are certainly used in dramatic style as an ingredient for cakes and desserts, they play an important part in recipes of all kinds. Almonds and a delicious

crunchiness to recipes. The shelled nuts have a brown skin which is easy to remove if you blanch the nuts in boiling water for a few moments then squeeze them out of the skins. When newly blanched and hot, almonds are soft and easier to flake or thinly shred for recipes. Flaked almonds fried in butter until golden can be spooned over cooked trout or chicken to add texture. Browned flaked almonds tossed with cooked beans or added to chicken and

rice salads do the same.

The combination of almonds cinnamon and plums is a treat in store, and good to try now while fresh plums are available. Line an 8in cart or flan ring shortcrust pastry sprinkle a few sponge cake crumbs over the base—you can use a trifle sponge cake. The crumbs help to soak up the fruit juices. Halve and stone I lb of plums, those dark purple ones if you can get there, and arrange in the pie crust to fill the flan. Mix 2 oz castor sugar with 1 level reaspoon of ground cinnamon and sprinkle over the fruit. Top with 2 oz finely shredded almonds. Eake the tart in a hot oven (400°F or gas 6) for 20 minutes, then lower the heat 10 moderate (350°F or gas 4) for a further 10-15

minutes. Ground almonds keep a cake mixture moist and are often added to rich fruit cake mixtures. The following almond cake recipe may seem extrav-agent at first glance, but it needs no filling or frosting and keeps well.

Almond cake 5 oz self raising flour; 3 or ground almonds; S oz castor sugar;

4 large eggs; Few drops almond essauce; leing sugar for decoration.

Pinch sali:

8 oz butter;

Sift the flour and salt onto a piece of paper and add the ground almonds. Cream the butter and sugar until light and then gradually beat in the lightly mixed eggs and almond essence. Fold in the flour and almond mixture half at a time. Spoon the mixture into a well

greased 8in diameter, nr 3; pint fluted ring tin. Bake above centre in a tooderate oven (350 deg F, or gas 4) for I hour. Turn out and allow to cool. Then dust with icing sugar.

Hazlenuts are used almost exclusively in baking and confectionery. They give recipes a lovely flavour, but are the very devil to use unless you have a spinder of the second seco grinder. They have a hrown skin on the outside and to remove this the nuts should be spread out on a tray and ropped in a hot oven for a few minutes. Tip the nuts into a clean teacloth, rub them well together and the skins will flake off. Hazlenuts combine well with apples and anricots. About I-2 oz ground hazlenuts spread over the base of an apple or apricot flan before you put in the fruit will not only give the tart a lovely flavour but also absorb the fruit juices to make a delicious moist base that keeps

Ground hazelnuts, ground almonds or ground walnuts can be combined with meringue to make layers that are delicious filled with fruit and cream. Or then can be filled with chocolate cream to make a dinner party dessert.

Serves 6-8
4 oz ground hazlenuis, almonds or walouts;
5 egg whites ;
10 oz castor sugar ;

For the filling pint double cream;

8 nz canned pineapple, seeded grapes ur other fruits-see

Icing sugar to decorate. Lightly brush the insides of two 8! in sponge cake tins with salad oil. Cut circles of greasepronf paper to fit, line the tins and brush these with salad oil. Spread tite ground nuts on a

haking truy and toast in a moderate oven (350 deg F or

gas 4) for about 8 minutes.

Remove from the heat.

Whisk the egg whites in a large basin until stiff. Beat in half the sugar a little at a time, whisking well until the meringue is glossy. Mix the almonds with the remaining sugar and, using a metal spoon, gently fold in the retoaining sugar and almonds and the vincar or leason juice.

Divide the mixture equally

Divide the mixture equally Divide the mixture equally hetween the two lins and spread the mixture level. Place in the centre of a moderately hot oven (375 deg F, or gas 5) and hake for 30-40 minutes. Allow the layers to cool in the lins. Loosen the cides there out the meringue layers to cool in the time. Loosen the sides, turn out the meringue layers and peel away the paper. Sandwich the layers with lightly whipped double cream and drained canned pineapple slices. or seeded halved grapes. Alternatively use frozen fruit such as raspherries or sliced strawberries. Dust the cake with icing sugar and allow to stand fur about one hour before serving.

before serving.
Walnuts are very good in savoury recipes—mix chopped walnuts with cream cheese, add salt and perper and chopped chives, and soread on brown bread. Use walnuts in a sauce to sarve with chicken or add chopped walnuts to a tossed green salad. Especially good to use this way are toasted walnuts which are crisp and flavoured with seasoned salt. Drop shelled walnuts into boiling water and simmer for tirree minutes. Drain well and spread on a shallow baking trav. Bave in a moderate oveo (350° F or gas 4) stirring aften, for 15-20 minutes until golden. While hot brush with butter and sprinkle generously with salt—use garlic or seasoned salt if you like, then allow to cool. You can store them in a lidded tin and serve

along with drinks.

Try this unusual Polich walnut torte. Although a layer cake, it is not like a sponge so don't expect the layer to risc very much. Serve it as a special

in place of salted almonds

Polish Walnut Torte

Serves 6-8 5 large eggs : 4 oz ground wainuts;

1 tablespoon white breadcrumbs;

tablespoons grated orange 10 oz caslor sugar.

For the filling 3 oz walnuts;

3.4 tablespoons soured creambasios. Finely grind the walnuts a smooth mixture, then set aside and grate a piece of day-old for about 30 minutes or until bread to make the breadcrumbs. Grate the peel froto 2-3 oranges, taking core not to include any

white pith. Mix the nuts, crumbs

Put the batter into 2 greased

1850'F or gas 4) and bake for 45 minutes. Press lightly with the finger-waen enoked the cake should be firm and slightly springy. Cool for a few moments and turn unt oo in a care rack. Leave until next day for finishing.

Geind the walquis for the filling. Mix with the sugar and enough soured cream to make the mixture spreadable. Sand. the mixture spreadants. Sandwich the layers together with the filling. If you like you can ice the cake with a thin glaceicing made using Suz icing sugar blended with 2 table spouns strong black coffee. Warm the icing intil the mixture is of a coating consis-Warm the icing until the tency and then nour over the cake spreading to let it run over the sides. Decorate with walnut halves. Frèsh

Fresh chestnuts are a naisance to peel. The outer skin shauld be slit on the flat side and the units then simitoered in boiling water for 10 minutes. Drain well, and both the inner and nater skin should peel away quite rasily. But a tyord of warming: prepare chestuus in small quantities at a time, and wrap impreled ones in a teacloth so that they remain warm until you have re-moved the skins. Fortunately dried chestnuts are becoming more readily available and once reconstituted—by soaking in warm water third tender and easily cut with a knife—they can be used as fresh peeled chestnuts, with a lot less

treuble.
Once conked, chestnuts he come flustry and soft. As such they lend themselves to soch lovely recipes as chestnut soup or chestnut puroe to serve with game. Because they are an effort to prepare and cnok, demand has led to a good supply. canned chestnuts both in whole and puree form. Whole peeled chestnuts can be served with game, especially venison, and added to a traditional beefcasserule.

Almost anthing tastes as nice as glace while chesmus nr sweetened purée. One of myfavourize desserts is made all the easier and quicker thanks to a can of chestion pures, which I sweeten myself. Use bought merinave shells and assemble the dessert 2-3 hours before carriers so that the before serving so that the moringue base has a chance to

Marrons Mont Blanc

Scrtes 6 6 meringue shells: 1 (6 fl oz) dnuble cream; fciog sugar to decorate.

2oz castor sugar; 3 taulespoons water;

for the chestnut purce

1 (15\oz) can unsweelened chestnut puree; loz melted butter.

Start by preparing the chestnut purée. Measure the sugar aod water into a saucepan and sur over low heat to dissolve the sugar. Bring to the boil and draw off the heat. Allow the syrup to cool slightly. Turo the chesinut purce into a basin and Crack the eggs, placing the beat in the sugar syrup and the yolks and whites io separate ntelted butter. Beat well to get

Place a meringue shell in the bases of six individual paper serving cases. Lightly whip the and peel together.

Add the sugar to the egg yolks and whisk over a saucepan balf filled with hot water until thick and light in colour. Fold in the stiffly beateo egg whites then gently fold in the dry ingredients.

But the halter into 2 greated in the cream and spoon a little into the centre of each meringue shell. Spoon the chestnut puree into a large nylon pining bag fitted with a lin plain nozale. Pipe the chestnut puree in the traditional wiggly lines (rather like a nest), piling it up on mp. like a nest!, piling it up on mp of the cream. Chill for several and lined 81 in sponge cake hours. Dust with icing sugar and tins. Set in a tooderate oven serve.

One girl's own adventure story

part. As one of eight women who left at the weekend on a hazardous expedition to the Zaire River with 132 men, she knew that any cry of "my feer are killing me" would get scam sympathy from this formidehle collection of scientists, ex-plorers, soldiers and sailors.

When she arrived in London to join the expedition, she was wearing full jungle kit, had a three-stone pack on her back and several blisters on her feet.

Adrianne who is 31, a trained nurse and currently a stewardess with Canadian Pacific, was invited to join at the cleventh hour to replace a the eleventh hour to replace a girl who became ill. When she flew to London fur

an interview with the head of the expedition, Major John Blasbford-Spell, be warned her that it would be tough, dangerous, that there would be no money and a 50 per cent mortality rate could be expected. Adrianne said that it sounded

just the sort of thing she had always been looking for. To even the most invescrate explorer, the Zaire (formerly the Congn) is still a terrifying A hundred years ago when Stanley did his coast to coast maratinn, 69 men died from do som disease, 14 were drowned one tains?"

rocodilo. "My mother just thinks A geotle, pale girl with shart 'there she goes again'. You crocodilo.

shoulders leaving the sentence unfinished.

"I have two sets of army fatigues, two pairs of cut off jeans, two tee shirts, a first aid kit, a moisturiser, a lipstick, a cleanser, shampoo, toothpaste and a deodorant.

We were told we could take four hooks to Pro packed Kion-1

Twe were told we could take four hnoks so I've packed Klondike by Pierre Burton, The Source, by James Micbener, and a couple of Agatha Christies. Just when I thought I'd got everything I needed, we got instructions to pack a long, formal dress for the capital—Kinshasa. How ridiculous I am going to How ridiculous I am going to look in my long pale blue dress with my boots on—but I must obey orders. "I think as long as you make

lots of noise in the jungle, you're okay. The animals will get out of the way because they really A moderate supporter of Women's Lib, Adrianne says she was born 100 years ton late. " is should really have been around in the days when the covered wagons were going across the prairies. But you know I bave always wanted to dn something different. I have always loved reading adventure honks. Why do I want to do it? Well why do some people climb moun-

was caught by a crocodile and 58 died through battle and murder. Only 11 years ago, a kavak expert was killed by a Vancouver.

It was not easy arranging an interview with Adrianne Danigaard because she was always out on the Yorkshire tooors tramping about in her new jungle hoots.

A wise precaution on her part. As nne of eight women who left at the weekend on a hazardous expedition to the acceptance of the mobile bospital on the trip. It is the mobile b see I went off to Laos to do nursing for three mouths and that's probably why I have been chosen for this trip. My father accepts it more readily. I'll miss riding, skiing, decent food, mail and having a good old soak in the hath tuh." The expedition, which is costing over £100,000 and has been organized by the Scientific Exploration Society, was planned three years ago.

Since then scientists and

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Since then scientists and

explorers from all over the explorers from all over the world have been making the must detailed the rations. One of the main targets is to investigate the tropical disease "river olindness" which affects 20 million people.

Adrianne says she thinks she could cope with most medical emergencies but was not swe what she would do if she met a hungry lion.

Ann Morrow

There ought to be a jar in every home...

for those who think they 'can't drink coffee'

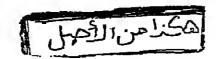


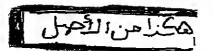
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Gloomy outlook as consumption wanes

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Improved production techniques or high prices could make previously unworkable deposite of language will

tonnes. Provided no unforeseen event occurs Chile could reach 850,000 or possibly 900,000 tonnes.

This boom, however, has come to an abrupt end and Japan will probably bave to



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iooal Wrought Copper uncil analysed 1972 are and estimated works e copper reserves at 348 figure reported by the reliminued at the 1972 level in the average would last 50 in 1972 and 626,200 in 1973. It was said, reach in 1972 and 626,200 in 1973. It was said, reach in this would drop to years if the normal the articles in this Special This year's output will be appears to the articles in this Special This year's output will be a level and were threatening to rise even further. Exports the Cipec countries will you profitable, but in the aggrethave the basis for an gate the great law of entente cordiale and the averages, immutable as the ability to make rapid decisions if required. With the industry now its imperative requirements, appearing to be entering at appearing to the

Five-minute bedlam in a fair exchange

that the world anxiously to ring so that he can polish lasts about 20 minutes.

looks for the LME's most off his opponent.

In price terms coppe

looks for the LME's most important function—the copper price.

Precisely at nonn on each business day some 30 dealers with their assistants gather in this small corner of London. Sitting in a circle, copper prices are shouled across the floor of the "ring". At 12.05 the first copper call ends.

To ring so that he can polish off his opponent.

For the uninitiated it is bedlam and incomprehensible set through its most bizarre period. At the beginging companies became beset with the price in the middle £400s, unbody would have dream of a copper price is evolved. This is flashed across the shouled across the floor of and news agencies and productions.

The ring so that he can polish of first copper price.

In price terms copper has been through its most bizarre period. At the beginging companies became beset with all manner of troubles and have dream of a tonne. Yet, on April 1, 1974, the cash wire bars price was traded at an all-time high of £1,410.

So many implications for continued on facing pege

Further five-minute calls line world's two principal

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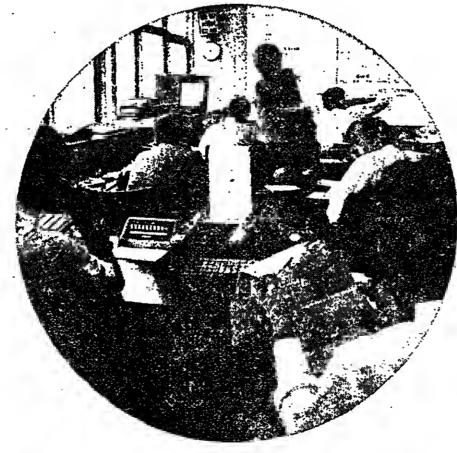
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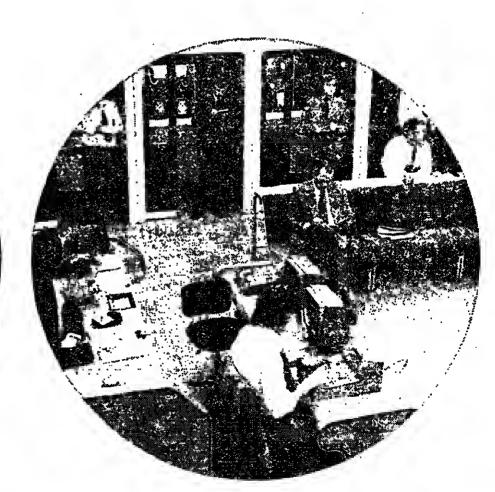
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archine with various meat, thousands of tons can where trades can be made ingly with refined productish, and vegetable aromas attacking the oostrils lies the Loudoo Metal Exchange. Since 1882 the often the dealers are sitting LME has stood beside the Loudoo beside









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kets-and copper, in particular-to find a safer bayen for their funds rather than hold paper money wbicb may have been devalued overnight. War erunted again in the Middle East.

Topping even these bullish factors was the worldwide boom in iodustrial activity. With production troubles galore, stocks were rapidly reduced.

On December 2, 1972, the LME warehouses held stocks of a record 192,100 tonnes. By June, 1973, they had fallen to 42,325 tonnes and, in March, 1974, they were almost at the crisis level at 10,475 tonnes.

That the copper price advance continued after the Arab oil shock owed much to the strength of demand. But warnings were being sounded from several tbat activity would slow down, curtailing requirements.

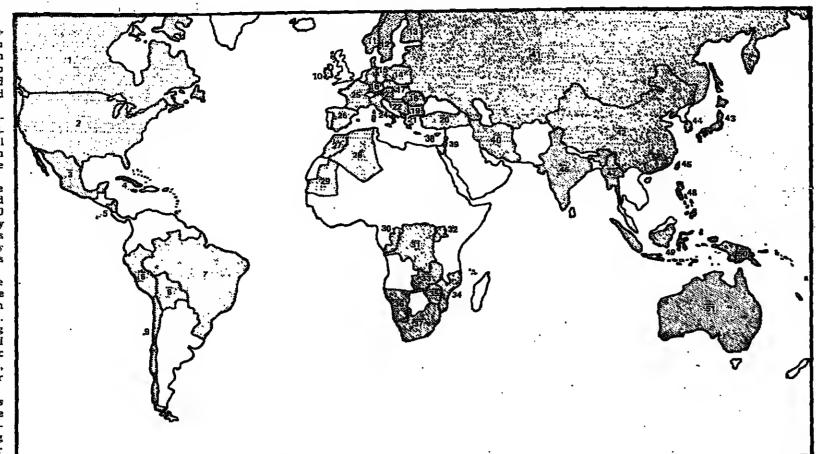
A large United States company attempted to make a "killing" by selling copper it did not own, boping to buy it back at a cheaper rate before it was due for delivery. About 22,000 London alone, but the price went even bigber.

As this company failed to 4 meet calls for additional margins, beavy coveriog 3 became necessary. Consequently, the price of £1,200 tonne was seeo and 50 passed. But it cost the LME 37 South Africa dealers an estimated £3.8m. It is a great credit to the members that this was absorbed with the minimum of fuss.

Meanwhile, Japan began selling copper on the world markets, mainly the LME. This soon began to be reflected in stocks. But the price held above £1,000 to the middle of Juoe, principally on expectations of a strike io the United States copper industry. However, the stock position became increasingly significant.

With the Uoited States strike situation fizzling out, albeit reluctantly, prices began to recede, slowly at first theo more rapidly. LME stocks had iocreased to more than 80,000 tonnes and the price had plunged back to the level of May,

From April's high price of £1,410 to below £600 by the middle of September is a violent movement by any standards. Certainly no ooe wants to see that repeated.



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World refined output—the major producers (in thousands of tonnes)

	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969		1973	1972	1971	1970	19
World total	8.432.5	8.064.2	7.563.5	7,563.6	7,183.9	World total	8,632.4	7,907.9	7,307.2	7,272.4	7,15
United States	2.065.7	2,048.9	1,780.3	2.034.5	2,009.3	United States	2,175.4	2,028.8	1,829.9	1,854.3	1,94
Aussia	1,300.0	1.225.0	1,150.0	1,075.0	1,020.0	Japan	1,166.9	938.3	805.7	820.8	80
Japan	950.8	810.0	713.3	705.3		Russia	1,100.0	1,080.0	1,030.0	960.0	93
Zambia	638.5	615.2	534.3	580.7	603.2		727.2	672.2	630.5	697.5	65
Canada	497.6	495.9	477.5	492.6	407.5	United Kingdom	545.6	524.7	511.3	553.7	54
Chile	414.8	461.4	467.8	465.1	452.9	France	407.8	390.2	343.6	330.7	33
West Germany	406.7	398.5	400.1	405.8	402.1	China	300.0	270.0	250.0	200.0	18
Belgium	387.5	314.2	312.8	337.6	286.7	italy	287.7	283.0	270.0	274,0	23
Zaire	231.7	216.2	207.8	189.6	182.3	Canada	248.2	223.8	220.4	229.0	22
China	190.0	175.0	150.0	130.0	120.0	Belgium	164.4	153.0	147.0	145.0	13
United Kingdom		180.7	187.6	208.2	198.2	Spain	135.7	121.2	94.5	108.2	ខ
Australia	175.5	173.8	161.8	145.5	138.6	Brazil	125.3	110.6	95.3	73.9	6
Poland	156.4	131.0	92.7	72.2	54.7	Australia	119.8	102.1	110.4	105.6	10
Yugoslavia	137.5	130.0	92.6	89.3	82.0	Sweden	114.0	96.9	91.4	80.9	8
Spain	122.9	88.9	73.2	82.8	76.0	East Germany	100.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	9
South Alrica	90.5	79.3	79.2	75.3	61.2	Yugoslavia	0.08	63.3	67.9	78.2	7
Mexico	61.9	64.0	59.7	53.7	57.0	Mexico	66.0	64.0	60.0	54.0	8
Sweden	59.5	51.6	50.1	51.6	51.8	South Africa	62.7	47.4	42.1	35.0	3
East Germany	50.0	45.0	40.0	40.0	40.0	india	82.5	63.0	61.0	50.1	5

Table includes production from blister and other primary metals, together with secondary production from scrap and other aimitar materials, it does not include copper recovered Source: World Bureau of Metal Statistics.

World refined usage—the major consumers (in thousands of tonnes)

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United Kingdom	545.6	524.7	511.3	553.7	546.
France	407.8	390.2	343.6	330.7	334.
China	0.00E	270.0	250.0	200.0	180.0
italy	287.7	283.0	270.0	274,0	238.
Canada	248.2	223.8	220.4	229.0	221,
Belgium	164.4	153.0	147.0	145.0	138.0
Spain	135.7	121.2	94.5	108.2	98.2
Brazil	125.3	110.6	95.3	73.9	63.0
Australia	119.8	102.1	110.4	105.6	102.0
Sweden	114.0	96.9	91.4	80.9	88.2
East Germany	7.00.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	1.0 2
Yugoslavia	0.08	63.3	67.9	78.2	75.0
Mexico	66.0	64.0	60.0	54.0	84.
South Africa	62.7	47.4	42.1	35.0	34.
india	82.5	63.0	61.0	50.1	50.8

The table shows consumption of unwrought refined copper whether refined from primary or secondary materials. direct use of copper in scrap form is excluded.

Loading ore at a copper mine at Mufulira in Zambia.

Violin joins the brass section

A retired German engineer, Herr Peter Ludwig Recktenwald, built a brass violin in 1971. It was found to be capable of produciog music of high tonal quality.

Lunar samples brought back by Apollo 11 and submitted to the Institute of Geological Sciences in London for examination revealed slight traces of copper.

Experiments in Brazil with a large variety of fungicides available un the market for fighting coffee leaf rust bave proved that fungicides based on copper are the most efficient.

Beatable but highly prized

Copper was discovered and bronze, was probably the almost all ores were in first used by neolithic men first alloy made and it during the late Stone Age found particular favour for about 8000 BC. The attractive colour and the ease Some of the more practical with which it could be beaten into useful shapes were highly prized.

It is believed that copper was first smelted from ore about 3500 BC. This probably occurred by accident when fire came into contact with copper bearing ores.

The early development was most advanced in Egypt and copper weapons and im
The correct of the copper was already being used for water pipes at About 2750 BC copper was already being used for water pipes at About in the nineteests.

Nile Delta Brass, an alloy position which she strong the main centre for non-fin rous metals in Britain, consumerates in Britain lost her position while centre of the copper in the control of copper was all of copper and zinc, was holds.

The Romans used most of years. the ore and called it acs the ore and called it acs cyprium (ore of Cyprus) but this was shortened to cyprium and later corrupted to cuprum from which comes the English name copper.

addition of tin to copper its ore from Cornwall and maintains en important roll would result in a much some from Anglesey, but as in future advances of civil harder substance. This alloy, the industry developed, zation.

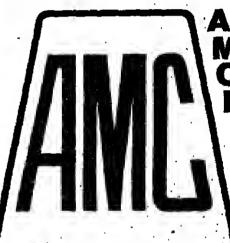
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was most advanced in Egypt used for many purposes in Copper ore deposits at the Middle Ages and implements were said to be left in graves for the use of the dead.

Cyprus was an extensive tified as one of the elemining is therefore depel producer about 3000 sc. ments for another 1,500 dent both on its proximits and the ments are the complex of the cleto the earth's surface and the rock formation in which the ore is embedded.



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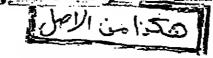
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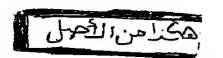
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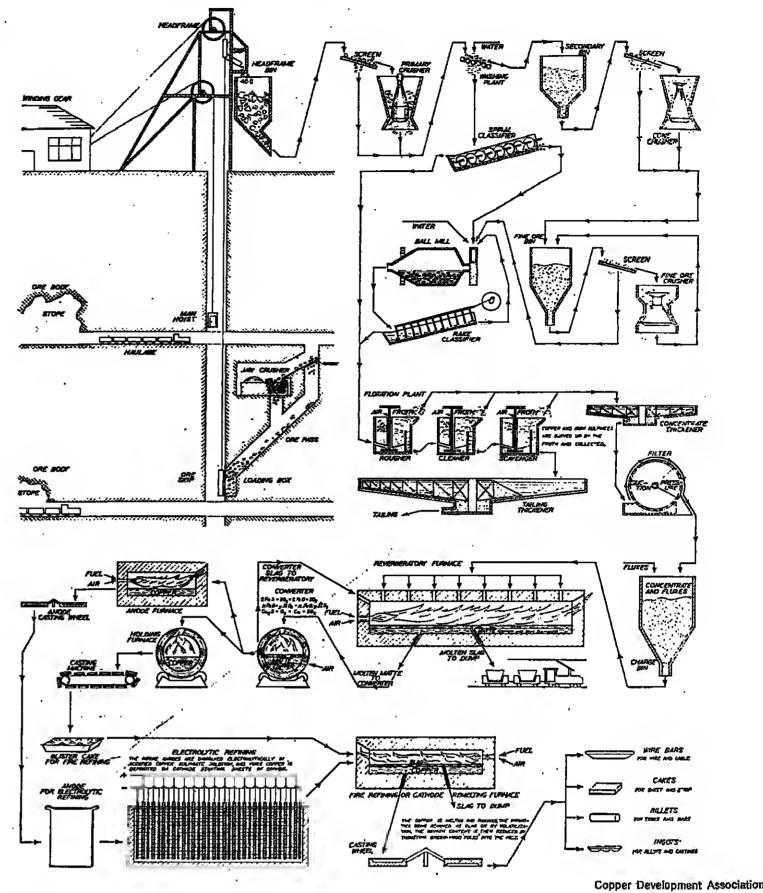
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The production from sulphide ores

This simplified flow sheet shows a typical sequence of operations for the direct smelting of flotation concentrate

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Pig farmers draw profit

With the innumerable uses booklets, and one of the there are for copper it is most interesting of these is not surprising that pro- Copper in Farming. and oined forces and formed University, Copper non-trading organization was licking copper fittings, and established in 1933, to this led to the important encourage the use of the growth promoting properencourage the use of the growth promoting proper-metal and its alloys and to lies. Dr Braude frequently promote their correct and saw the pigs fighting for efficient application.

The association's services which bad been fitted in include the provision of technical advice and information, which are available to been licked away. those interested in the uses of copper. It provides a link per the pigs actually craved between research and the for, small plates of six dif-

considerable educational then the brass (evalue. Indeed, over the alloy) plates, le years, some have become others untouched. accepted as standard works of reference. The associ-ation also publishes various

At the top

Copper is widely used throughout industry. Its applications are found in a vast range of gnods from electrical wiring, car radiators and refrigerators piping, power cables and rnofing

The many light green roofs that are seen in many parts of the world are made of copner. Prominent in London are the Old Bailey, the Commonwealth Institute, tbe Planetarium, the domes on Westminster Cathedral and the large dome on the British Museum.

The building which, it is believed, contains the most copper is the new Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The original palace was burnt down in the Second Warld War and rebuilding started in 1965. More than 400 tons of copper were used on the roof and wall cladding alone, in addition to a large tonnage in the plumbing, hearing, electrical and mecbanical services.

An analysis of industrial consumption shows that the electrical industry is top with 48 per cent followed by construction and general engineering both with 16 per cent, transport industry, 12 per cent, and domestic and miscellaneous uses, 8 per cent. These figures apply to the West but there are considerable differences between countries.

from a good licking

fabricators Dr R. Braude, of Reading Development observed that pigs in a (CDA). This newly-erected piggery were copper

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The CDA publishes many pens. The pigs soon uncovered first the copper and then the brass (copper-zinc

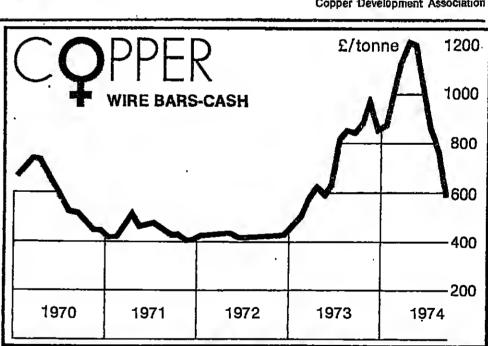
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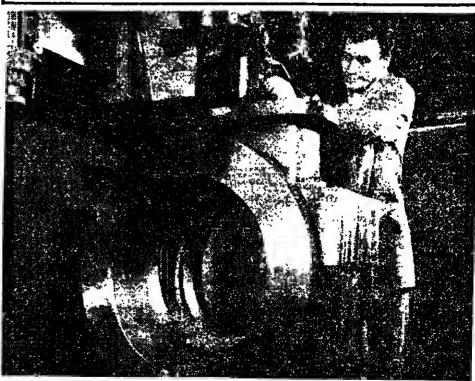
Since Dr Braude's discovery scientists all over the world have been experimenting with feeding copper sulphate to growing pigs. After carefully controlled trials in a number of countries it is now firmly established that the inclusion of copper in the diet of sion of copper in the diet of fattening pigs may be expected in prinduce, in average, an increased growth rate of about 10 per cent, with an improvement in feed conversion of nearly per cent. Looked at another way,

one kilogram of copper sulphate put into one metric ton of meal can result in pigs reaching bacon weight nearly two weeks earlier with a saving of about 25 kilograms of meal.

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Britain: A country starved of culture

arts. Not many electors will vote tomorrow for the party they think will do best for the arts. Bur whatever Government is elected will do much to determine the state of the arts in Britain for several years to

All that is best in our performing arts depends for its survival on money which is made available by politicians: the national opera and theatre companies, the Royal Spakespeare Company, the Royal Opera and Ballet companies, all our sympbony orcbestras. Their enrichment of the life of our community is incalculable. Even in vulgar monetary terms Even in vulgar monetary terms they earn more for us than they cost, not only through the tens of thousands of visitors bring to this country each year but through the promo-tion and prestige value of their towards the arts is indefen-

Let us consider the actual sums involved. This year the Arts Council, the main medium of Government subsidy, has ment has increased food subsidies to a rate of £700m a year; has given local authorities an extra £350m for bousing; bas lent £500m to the building societies to enable them to keep mortgage rates down-I could fill the rest of this column with instances of such sums spent by this Government (as by any Government) in pursuit of policies some of which, in this case food subsihow essential the arts are in a civilized community and bow great the unmet need for them still is, the money we allow defeote expenditure would pay them is a disgrace.

Compare the situation abroad. In May of this year I saw some operas in Frankfurt, where the standard is good, though even the locals would not place themselves in the froot line alongside Muoirb, Berlin and Hamburg. This year the Frankfurt opera company is receiving a subsidy of, at present rates of exchange, some £4m. For next year the sum of £5m bas been voted The nuther is Lubour parliamenalready. And it all tomes, not tary candidate for Waltham from national sources, but Forest, Leyton.

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Twenty years of campaigning from the city of Fraokfurt bave taught me that most people vote in accordance with what they think is their self-interest. One may not want to believe this, but it is wishful thinking to deny it.

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believe this, but it is wishful thinking to deny it.

For election purposes most people conceive their self-intarest in bread and ouner terms: jobs, incomes, rents or mortgagas, prices, taxes, peosions. Again this is inevitable—indeed for many (at thing the comfortable rarely seem to understand, especially these days) right. I make no complaint. But man does not liva by bread and hutter alone. Immaterial goods can be at least as important—and I speak still of matters for which politicians bave special responsibilities.

In the case of bealth and education this is obvious, and few would dispute it. But it is almost as true—for society as a whole, as well as a number of individuals within it—of the arts. Not many electors will yote tomorrow for the party opensions, poor actommodation. ation of artists: weeks of work at a stretch without a single day off, low salarias, low or no pensions, poor accommodatioo, under-rebearsal in slummy facilities which are often in outlying places and involve yet more travel at awkward bours. Third, fully equipped opera-bouses and concert balls scar-

productivity in them as we can in other activities. No new developments are going to reduce the number of words in Hanlet or enable a company to play it in less time, or with fewer actors. No advance in tion and prestige value of their tours abroad, and through the gramophone records that sell instrument making is going to reduce to threa the number of musicians required to play a string quartet. This inelasticity of material as well as non-material values the penny-material values the penny-material values of it the Arts Coun-Because of it the Arts Council's £19m a year will have to become £25m next year merely to keep things as they

I bave said nothing about increasing belp to creative artists, which would cost so of Government substay, has arrists, which would cost so received £19m. In the context of Government spending this is bave been talking of—even the an almost invisible sum. Within only the last few most expensive of the various Within only the last few Public Lending Right schemes months the Labour Government has increased food substituted the language every public languag now being mooted, one which would help almost every published author, carries a price tag of only £5m a year. I bave said nothing of the engrmous financial contribution which financial cootribution which could and should be made to the arts by local authorities (remember Frankfurt). I bave said nothing of the tremeodous work that could and should be carried on in all our schools to involve all children in the arts, which, in this case food subsi-dies, are controversial. When artists but the patrons and we consider this, and consider audiences of the future—bere

defeote expenditure would pay for all this with some to spare. But wherever the money comes from I cao think of no greater tootribution a government could make to the quality of life to this country—and for s mere fraction of the cost of those food subsidies. I hope that wbatever party is elected tomorrow will have the imagination, the will, the interest and the guts to do it.

A difficult decision, but one that must be made

Bernard Levin

Considering how precious a possession the suffrage is (Has it ever struck you that those who sneer at parliameotary democracy as insufficiently democratic on the ground that it is nothing hut "putting a cross oo a hallot paper once every few years" are lovariably supporters of systems unevery few years" are iovar-iably supporters of systems un-der which nobody is ever der which nobody is ever allowed to put a cross on a bailot-paper at any interval whatever?), it is straoge that the exercise of it is very rarely accompanied by feelings of pleasure and satisfaction, but on the contrary very frequeotly provokes in the voter a passionate wish for a reeactment, while he is on the way to the polling station, of the events described so vividly in verses 24 and 25, of chapter 19 of the Rook of Genesis.

No doubt the members of

No doubt the members of the Corin and Vanessa Red-grave Fun-Revolutionary Bour-geois Extermination League and Stalin Occasionally Erred Society will march to the polls with a song in their hearts, but I suspect that I speak for most of us when I say that I shall of us when I say that I shall set out tomorrow to cast my vote (at, incidentally, the bead-quarters of the Royal Institute of British Architects, "vicb I call addin' insult to injury, as the parrot said ven they not only took bim from bis native land, but made him talk the English languidae arter. English langwidge arter-wards") with feelings akin to those presumably experienced by one who is invited to settle himself comfortably in the electric chair.

This phenomeooo is by no means inaxplicable. No sane man believes that any one party is in the right on all the questions of the bour, let alooe that any one party is better equipped than any other to solve all the country's prob-lems. Even on those few occasions wben I bave bad no doubt that the balance of my electoral duty lay overwhelm-ingly oo ooz side—as wheo I voted Labour in 1964, for inatance—I have never supposed that there was nothing to be said on the other. The choice is always between two paths through the same thorny wood, each offeriog varieties of bird-song and the scent of wildflowers to make the journey pleasant, and each carrying the distinct possibility that it lead straight into a crocodile-infested swamp. The opinionpollsters' question should not polisters' question should not be "How do you intend to vote?", but "Taking one consi-deration with another, and looking at the matter fram both sides, and by and large, and generally speaking, and without any obligation to pur-chase, which of the singularly uninviting alternatives before uninviting alternatives before you will require the smaller clothes peg to be clamped to your nose?"

Yet we bave, after all, to choose. The quartet of distinguisbed writers-kingsley Amis, sive

Michael Holroyd, Malcolm Muggeridge and Auberon Waugh—wno, as their contribution to last Sunday's voitogintentions symposium in The Observer. Observer, giggled and squeaked thair way to different forms of the conclusion that they could out possibly bring themselves to do anybring themselves to do anything as quaint as actually voting, perhaps imagine that they are too emineot to suffer if democracy in this country should be destroyed; if so, I must assure them that they are mistaken, even as I must tell them that their attitude is a disgrace m their intelligence and an insult to the freedom under which they thrive.

To choose is also to reject. Paople often speak as though there is something slightly shameful about voting against rather than for, to defeat this policy or to keep that figure from power. I do not see wby this should be so, and considering how little governments. dering how little governments can usually achieve in the way of positive results, such reasons for voing may well be rather more logical, and are often far more urgent, than the positive kind.

Such a state of affairs, it seems to me, is what we face tomorrow. Of course our various views of the parties' education proposals, or bousing programmas, or EEC policies, are important, and must, consciously and must. consciously or unconsciously, affect the choice that we bave to make. But that choice rests now on a foundation in which the nature of the choice is fun-damentally different from that of all the sub-choices which normally constitute the whole of the prospect before us. It is quite possible that our survival as a free astion depends on the outcome of the election: not at all because Wedgwood Egalité is planning to seize power, or the Army is about to take over, or Mr Arthur Lewis is likely to be successful with his ingenious plan for advance censorship of the newspapers so that anything he regards as "contentious" can be removed, but because the economic catastrophe that we are now very close to indeed may, if it is not averted or reduced in intensity, sweep away our democratic institutions along

with our prosperity.

coherently why they imagine that Britaio is immune to political coosequences that elsewhere bave icllowed hard upon economic collapse. For that, after all, is what we are talking about; not a recession, out an increase in the number oot an iocrease io the number of unemployed, oot a further fall it sbare prices, not even ao equivaleot of the Wall Street crash or the Slump. We sre talking of conditions in which—well, in which we may see what was seen, and recorded in Germany in the

early tweoties: two women, carrying a laundry-basket full of banknotes with which to buy their groceries, who, having placed it on the ground for a moment, turned round to find that the basket bad gooe, the money out on to the pave-Wby do people believe that

that cannot bappen here, or that if it does, what followed there will out follow bere? What magic will prevent it? Those things had, after all, certain causes; those causes are already present, to a discero-ible extent, in Britain today; why is it impossible that the same effect will follow from the same causes? Perbaps it will not: but why can it not?
Caprain Shorover's question
needs an answer (and Messrs
Amis, Holroyd, Muggeridge
and Waugb ought perhaps to

and Waugh ought perhaps to be invited to provide one):
The captain is in his bunk, drinking hottled ditch water; and the crew is gambling to the forecastle. She will strike and sink and split. Do you think the laws of God will be suspended in favour of England because you were born in it?

Well, do you think so? Or do you think that Englishmen, alone among the nations of the world, can swallow poison

world, can swallow poison without getting stomach-ache? If we have two or three or four or five million unem-ployed, and men are sacking food sbops because otherwise they and their families will bave nothing to eat, is it really certain, or even probable, that a nation brought to this pass because it would not discipline itself could loog avoid being disciplined, from above or below or outside, wbether it will or no?

But let us suppose we have

a political disaster. Their confidence would be more impressive if they could say me ask myself one; am I really Times Newspapers Ltd 1974 argue are irreconcilable, and

saying that all that, or most of it, will inevitably follow from a Labour victory? No, I am not; and even if I did say that, I and even if I did say that, I would bave to add that it may also follow from a Conservative victory. But we bave m do two things before we vote mmorrow. We bave first to weigh up the chances of catastrophe. I do not think that serious analysis of the present situation can lead to any conclusion other than that the chaoces of catastrophe are bigh. Opinions will differ as to the reasons, as they will differ as to possible methods of prevention or cure, but if a man will undertake to say that Britaio is not at this moment in very grave peril, I will undertake to call bim a fool.

And if we agree that we

dertake to call bim a fool.

And if we agree that we are in danger, we have to decide not which party or post-election grouping of parties will guarantee to get us out of it, because no such guarantee csn possibly be given, or believed if it is. We can only make the best choice available, and even as we look for it we must remember that the best choice already maans only the least bad one. I believe that the Lahour Party is at present weakly and disingenuously led. weakly and disingenuously led that some of the most powerful that some of the most powerful outside influences upon its leaders must fatally inhibit what feeble resolve they have to do what they know must be done, that they will go on attempting to propitiate the present by making a burnt-offering of the future, and that they will continue towards disaster in the bope that a miracle will yet save them and us.

But the advent of a miracle is notoriously difficult to predict, and even more so to arrange. I believe that we will do better with a Conservativeled Government. I believe that present unimagioatively but hooestly led, that the most powerful outside influences upoo its leaders will oot inhibit, but will indeed strengtheo, their will to take the necessary measures, that they know they must deny the present many of its wishes if present many of its wisbes if there is to be any future at all, that they recognize that miracles cannot save us, but that we can save ourselves.

Not will; can. The Conserva-tives and their allies may fail, in which case, if the fire is lit, we must go through it. But we the economic catastrophe with-out the political consequences, and possibilities, not certain-let us suppose we have the ties. For the reasons I bave trophe is very near, and who would not welcome the destruction of our democratic institutions, argue that there is no logical bridge between the two, that an economic disaster of the kind that may be ahead for us need not be followed by a political disaster. Their confidence would be more impressive. In the nave the work without the collapse of democracy. Is probabilities of disaster will be considerably bigber if Labour is in power, and the possibilities of salvation, distinctly greater if Labour is not. That seems to me to leave me to cold ennobling?

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. A vote for overhauling our political system

This election bas appeared to be uneccessary. The Labour Party io the last week advertized itself a government of national unity. If that were true it would have continued for a full parliament. The Tories call for a coalinon of all the call for a coalinon of all the best people. Both parties are best people. Both parties are correctly interpreting the mood of the nation, bot a larger infusion of Liberals inm the next House of Commons is the only way the desire of the people for a broadly based government will be realised.

Since the last election the status of the Liberal Party has dramatically changed. We are contesting this election from a position of new found strength. Our organization is in fine shape. Local associations all report increases in membership. Regional parties are being deluged with offars of help. The number of candidates contesting her increased in 619

ing bas increased to 619.

In stark contrast m the other two parties Liberal fortunes are on the ascandant. The party is on crusade.

This new apirit is not just something new in Liberal circles. It is a long time since any British party generated any real enthusiasm in the electorate. The Labour Party bas long since lost its 1964 reforming real. The Tories have lost conviction. The alectorate bave become weary of the tired conviction. The alectorate bave become weary of the tired tweedledum tweedledee approach of the Tory and Labour parties. They have ceased me believe in the parties because the Tories and Socialists beve ceased to believe in themselves.

Experience of past events has made it crystal clear that what past governments' election policies have said bears little or no relation to what in fact they do. Hardened and embittered by this experience an ever in-creasing gap has grown between the government and the governed, and between the interests of capital and labour.

The question that should be put at this election is: what possible outcome would best bridge this gap? What are the alternatives on October 10?

On the one band the Conservatives do not fully comprebend the burning need to redistribute wealth m obtain a measure of social justice. On the other band

the Labour Party consider pro-

fits and investment in the pri-vate sector to be inimical to a If the Tories were returned, far from bridging the gap, we would all be thrown back into the darkness of a war of attri-tion with the trade union move-ment. If the Labour Party were returned there would be no recovery of confidence in

British industry. Gan either of these parties provide a solution? By their nature they cannot. Because economically, socially, and bistoric-ally they are parties based on vested interests. The fundamen-

are economic. But essential believe the solutions are f cal. It is the duty of polini to formulate policies that in the national interest. then necessary for them to c

by our political system.
Our political institutions h not been overhauled for mithan 100 years. The two pisystem and our electromethods only serve aggravate the intransigence

our society.

A Liberal influence in gove meet would briog a complet fresh approach to our pulit-thinking. A Liberal domina-government would be this decide issues purely on the merits gauged in relation what is necessary in the nanointerest without reference to vested interests of the left

We must find the polit-guts to create this new syst-and we must make it accepts to the majority of our peo-The Liberal Party is based an ideal of partnership. We lieve in the importance, iod. the sanctity, of the other I son's point of view. We want give back the power to ording people to control their c victions. Conviction can come from a party with a cl vision of the sort of society want to create. The society Liberals want to create wo We ore poised for bre through, but with our crazy e tion system no one can teli i how many seats we might very could be a modest double of our present number or could be a leap into a meslice of the House of Commercial

In either event, voting Liheis the one way of ensuring twe shall have a government s ject to the will of parijame I do not think the people were a majority Labour governm which would be controlled the larger trade union leads or a majority Conservat government which would lis

to its paymasters in the City Political uncertainty has be caused not by minority gove ment but by the refusal of Wilson to accept the verdict the electorate, and his readir. from the outset to plunge country into another election the electorate gives a sim verdict a second time, he have to abide by it, and arc the need to adopt policies acc. table to Parliament as a wh-

The author is Liberal parlian.

How much do our EEC partners care who wins?

cent in our Contrary to claims by Mr Minister from the European in favour of a go-it-aloue present terms. I have an It is even possible to find Liberal support, would for the would pay the intense almost visceral feeling that we idealists in the European Companies of the European Companies. Not completely, present terms. I have an It is even possible to find Liberal support, would for the find Liberal support for the find Libe

to so far as any conective bope stirs them as they view the sombre scene, it is for a stable British Government with a reasonable majority and a coberent European policy. A source io Bonn close to Herr Schmidt put it like this: "We want some sort of a commit-ment-not a government that is for Europe on Monday morning, but moving away again on Tuesday afternoon. Giscard is the same: be wants clarity and a commitment.

Cbaotic postal conditions in the West End, where it sometimes takes a fortnight for letters to

Heath among others, Britain's viewpoint? Naturally there are EEC partners are not uoitedly yearning for the Conservatives to be returoed to power oo Tbursday. Many fear this would simply postpone the day of reckoolog with Labour. Would be expected to bring the Their emotions are in fatt thoroughly mixed.

In so far as any collective difficult years, they argue, the bope stirs them as they view EEC tould generate sufficient difficult years, they argue, the EEC tould generate sufficient steam to make its advantages evident even to British anti-marketeers. Mounting econ-omic and political pressures would meanwhile ensure that even the purblind and most chauvinistic Briton appreciated the suicidal implications of

wilbdrawal.

But Mr Reatb's reputation does not stand particularly high among the EEC members. Io Bonn, Copenhagen and The

may be served with a writ, which be passes on to his solicitor to bandle, but it does

not reach the solicitor in time,

domestic and international pressures of the energy crisis gotten or forgiven. The new French leadership too is more realistic about Britain's eco-nomic and political weight in the world.

A surprising number of high ranking officials to the national capitals and EEC institutions believe it would be healthier for everyone concerned if a new Labour Government could be brought to endorse Britain's membership, thus removing the issue from the poisoned weil of domestic politics once and for all. An Irish official expressed this view succinctly: "If Heath teeters back, Labour will be baying at his beels. We would So which would be the less Hague particularly, the way still have a major party Britain's, are among those who undesirable British Prime he abandoned European ideals opposed to membership under admit its force.

sbould get this thing over and done with, otherwise we might have to face it all over again in three years ", be said. The Irish are desperately

anxious that Britain should not pull out of the EEC, toot least because of the complications involved vis a vis Northern Ire-land. The Danes too would be aeriously affected by with-drawal, and want an end to uncertainty. Their tiny Liberal micority would like to see the British EEC abscess lanced for good or ill by Labour. One of the few positive remarks made by Mr Wilson at President Gis-card's "supper summit" was that be alone could persuade the British as a whole to stay in the Community. The Danes, whose entry was conditional or

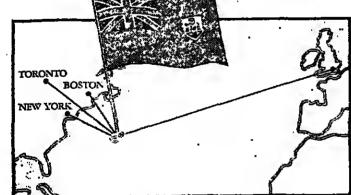
mission who look to a Labour Government and the TUC to help give the EEC the social ingredient it so badly lacks. But in general there are more doubts and anxieties than bopes. The idea of a referendum on British membership is particularly disliked, more so even than renegotiations. Will a referandum actually take place? Britain's partners wonder, recalling our redious boasts about the sovereignty of Westminster. Are real negotiations conceivable without a prior commitment from the Government to recommend the outcome to the electorate? Will Labour ever agree to a

Community tight enough to mean anything? There is also the question of whether Mr Heath, should he get back, with or without

package. Not completely, pr ably. The case for oudget contributions to be related gross national clearly strong. Without threat of withdrawal, Heath's negotiating posit would be very differe though not necessarily weaker

The proof of the pudding Dutch official sagely observ will be in the eating. Britai disappointed Enropean friendo not have high expectatio and they are more worrabout the international e. nomic situation than ab-events across the Chang Britain, as an Angloph Italian commented, is no log er the determining factor was in the 1960s.

Roger Bertho



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The Times Diary

Long wait for the postman to call

takes a fortnight for letters to be delivered, bave brought out the Dad's Army spirit. Humour for a start. A reader asked me whether, alongside my road signs, I might like to publish a picture of a West End post-man because he cannot remember when be last saw one. Another wartime characteristic—resource—has surfaced. Some professional and business people in W1 are running their own postal service, using mes-sengers. They are also taking mail outside the district to post, and having it delivered to their bomes and branch offices elsewhere in London, or collecting it from the post office themselves.

A three-man committee, set A three-man committee, set up to investigate by the West London Law Society, believes that some of the trouble can be traced to a decision to move the West End sorting office from Wimpole Street to Rathbone Place, which will not be fully automated until the late 1970s.

Rathbona Place does have machines that tell the differ-eoce between long and short eovelopes and hetween first and second class mail, but most of the sorting is a matter of mac-ual pigeon-boling. And the office is short by 477 of the people it needs to do the work. people it needs to do the work.

The official lioe is that there is a two-day delay on first class mail and a three-day delay on second class mail, though a first class letter can take five days to arrive if it is posted at the weekend. Firms in the area say they are experiencing much longer delays.

At one large jeweller's a

At one large jeweller's a spokesman said that cheques from customers were arriving late and as a result, the company

judgment in default of appear-A spokesman for the Picca-dilly Hotel said the situation had grown worse in the last formight. The maio nuisance, he said, was that postal bookings were not being received on time. This meant that guests arrived to find no room bad been reserved, and alternative accom-modation had to be found. The massive labour shortage

is caused in part by the fact that W1 is not the sort of place where postmen live. Only three out of the sorting office's work force of 1.523 live in the district. Most of the others live some way out, which often means that a man who has to start at 6 o'clock will bave to get up at 4.30. That is asking a lot for 538.45 a week, since postal workers can gat work oearer home for almost the same money. the same money.

Already about 250 deliveries

Already about 250 deliveries a day are heing concelled in W1, which has 26,000 delivery points. Unless more labour is found, more firms will go without deliveries, and the time rould come when post is delivered every other day.

The Post Office is conducting a huge recruiting campaign in London, but as fast as new man arrive, others leave. "We're treading water," said a publicity necessary reminder notes.

Postal delays can bamper justice. A solicitor said: "A client to soarl and bear it."

man. So businessmen, when they bave stopped laughing, will have to soarl and bear it.



Bunny Foot with the social contract yesterday (drawn by Richard Sawers).

Meadowland

In my reports on the Meadow-land election so far, childran, I have managed to avoid ex-plaining the social contract. This was a deliberate omission, hacause I know you like these tales, fictional though they are, to have some basis in reality, and the social contract is straight from the realms of Fairyland. But I fear the time has come

Fairyland. But I rear the handbas come.

The contract is a magical document which can be seen only by those who truly believe in it. Its effect, say the believes in to infuse an amazing Over in the state apartments of the Royal Hospital in Chelaea document which can be seen only by those who truly believe in it. Its effect, say the believers, is to infuse an amazing sense of industrial peace into all who look upon it. It also acts as an appetite depressant. Rabbits greedy for carrots suddenly find they can do with far less than they thought.

Bunny Foot, the genie of the Covern the state apartments of the Royal Hospital in Chelaea the Duke of St Albans was the chief guest at a party for Chelsea the Duke of St Albans was the chief guest at a party for Chelsea the publication of David Ascolia book about the hospital called book about the hospital called the Avillage in Chelsea.

The old soldiers, with birding four glasses and an expensioner of them, William Leslie, aged 82, said: "It is a bome from home bere, very free."

social contract, claims for it many miraculous cures along those lines, though be is reluctant to go into details. He has, bowever, expressed anger at the MMC (the Meadowland Molecasting Corporation) for giving too many carrors and other foodstuffs to the moles. and other creatures they em-ploy. He saya this is in breach f the contract.
At the same time, Foot accums

less worried about the extra car-rots being offered to the ford rots being offered to the ford workers—the creatures who maiotain the ford across Meadowland's river. Although they seem to be getting as much or more than the MMC people, Foot says they are a apecial case—a category which can be identified only by a magic formula to which Foot alone has the key. Now I did warn you that you would never believe any of this.

Parties

The aristocracy, generally of little value, comes into its own at election time, when the truly important people, tha politicians, are too busy to attend social gatherings. Tha Upper House was touch in evidence at two of three parties we covered

two of three parties we covered on Monday night.

The London office of Time magazine were bonouring Hedley Donovan, their visiting editor-in-chief, and the aristocracy were well represented by Lord Snowdon and Lord George-Brown, sharing several jokes

Over in the state apartments Over in the state apartments of the Royal Hospital in Chelaea the Duke of St Albans was the chief guest at a party for Chelsea pensioners, celebrating the publication of David Ascolfa

You can come in as late as you like. The sergeant comes round in the morning to see if you are still alive."

Old soldiers were also on abow at Michael Joseph's offices in Bedford Square, where the Spike Milligan Old Comrades Association were launching the second volume of Milligan's war mamoirs, Rommel 2 Gunner

"Do you know Milligan per-sonally?", asked one. "No. you ara lucky. They are a bit mad, all these Goons you know, and quite unreliable. My invitation to this bad completely the wrong address and Sam here never got one at all."

Costly

One reason for hoping that the election is decisive this time is that the two elections this year will have cost more than £8m. The sum includes printing poll cards and ballot papers, poll cards and ballot papers, paying returning officers, poli clarks and vote counters and other clerical staff, hiring balls and everything else involved.

In the 1970 election it all cost f4m. February's costs bave not yet been mtalled, but it is safe to assume that, thanks, m inflation, they will exceed that sum, and this one will cost even more. The money comes from tha consolidated fund, the Government's bank account, made up of tax revenues. up of tax revenues.

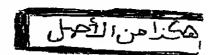
Dashing

murant, that be dropped

glasses, only just manages ave the bottle; and with The more stylish waiter one band to carry their its the third race there was a mount when rwo whanged into one another, ing wine and glasses flyir names were taken.

Gveral winner (prize was Antonio Cardenas, year-old redhead from zuela, who works at a win in Fleet Street. He cover distance in 21 seconds. I waitress (prize fl0) was B. Meaks, from Brixton, who at the same wine baraclocked 31.2 aeconds, and she had to be nippy be journalists are an impubunch.

A glimpse of the self-er in a sign scrawled on a w Streatham: WE WANT A NURSARY SCHOOLS.



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THE BEST RESULT WOULD BE A CONSERVATIVE-LIBERAL COALITION

what has not been established in the election campaign and to try to reach a conclusioo ahout it. The most important question seems to us still to be unanswereo. None of the three parties has presented a satisfactory account reform. of its policy towards inflation; we are set optimistic about the handling of inflation whatever government is formed.

The differences on economic policy are, however, important. The Conservative manifesto, with its relatively high emphasis on monetary policy and its flexible approach to incomes policy, seemed the most satisfactory combination. The Liberals deserve credit for their open acceptance of the oeed for statuincomes cootrol and are · tory probably right in moving to the view that a freeze will prove unavoidable. Oo the other hand the Liberals have not left the impressigo that they understood the significance of mooetary policy and their anti-inflation tax proposal is oot convincing.

The Labour Party is io a stronger position to deal with the trade unions—though Mr Len Murray has made it clear that the TUC will deal with any government-and the friendship of the vnioos is an important potential advantage. On the other hand it it surely wrong to rely oo the social contract as much as Lahour policy does; so far the social cootract has not prevented an explosion of wages. Mr Healey's attempt to pretend that the inflatioo rate had been brought down 30 8.4 per cent casts doubt both on his competence and oo his sincerity. Even in an election campaign it is not forgivable to my to delude people in this way.

The important point is however that no party has managed po give a satisfactory account of ass policy intentions on inflation. Whatever government is formed will have to develop policy under the pressure of events. That policy will probably require a combination of gradual stabilization of the money supply, reduction in the taxation companies pay on the notional benefits of inflation, and a freeze to give monetary policy time to work.

Weakened

The Conscrvative Party has limited its specific programme on the very reasonable grounds that the economic situation will not permit even many desirable increases in government expenditure. This impression has been weakened by the decision to subsidize mortgages and abolish rates. This we believe to be wrong. In the present situation we ought to be moving away from subsidies rather than towards them, and in particular we ought nn! to introduce new subsidies which are not specifically directed to the support of those who suffer most from inflation. The abulition of rates would make the acbievement of a balanced Budget much more

difficult. The Liberal manifesto had more proposals in it and on the whole it suffered from the cootrast. Liberal policy was oot changed between the February election and this one; the manifesto seemed as a resolt to he slightly out of date. The Liberals have a very strong point in their absolute commitment to Selectoral reform, and the Conpervative shift towards reform is also welcome. We do not believe hat the multiple member constituency is the best way to achieve electoral reform. The Ferman system, with contests in ingle member constituencies

This is the moment to sort out topped up from a parliamentary what has been established and list, avoids putting members of the same party into contest with each other and also avoids the almost automatic exclusion from a reformed Parliament of almost balf the members of the old Parliament that is asked to enact the

> The Labour Party programme contains a number of proposals to which specific objection ought to be taken. The idea of a referendum oo Europe, though superficially attractive to some people, is an anti-parliamentary idea. At the present time Europe should be organizing berself for a uoited effort to overcome the crisis of world inflation and the concomitant threat of world depression. It is selfish and inadequate for this work—on which the prosperity of the whole of the European Community must depend-to be delayed by a British renegotiatioo threat of withdrawal.

Objectionable

The proposals for nationalization, which are extensive, are also objectionable. There is no case for further nationalization of British industry, and thera is considerable evidence that workera in nationalized industries .have come to raseot the remote and inbuman impression which these vast bureaucratic corporations leave. It is true that the nationalized industries have iovested more proportionately than the rest of British industry, but they bave produced less proportionately with their investment. Their record is one of waste of capital, waste of assets and waste of manpower. Until the present nationalized iodustries bave been brought up to the level of independent industry there should be oo additions to them.

We also believe that increases in the higher rates of taxation on income and capital have gone more than far eoough. There are no adequare expectations for many of the higher paid men in industry, as they are pushed hy inflation into our higher tax hrackets. As capital values on the Stock Exchange have fallen to their lowest levels in real terms since 1940, there is need for recuperation of capital markets. A collapse in the stock market damages confidence, damages industry and damages pension A nonday from new taxes for the next few years would allow recovery to take place, and for the capacity to

bear tax to he recreated. The economic crisis is very likely to produce a chalition well inside the next five years, and the Conservative attitude towards a government of national unity contrasts favourably with that of the Lahour Party or the Liberals. The Labour Party excuse is that it is impossible for people who do nnt agree on fundamentals to work together. That observation, if true, would make it impossible for the Lahour Party. which contains fundamental disagreements between its right and left wing, to continue to exist at all. The Liberal Party seem unable to agree on their ettitude to a coalition. They will never achieve their objective of electoral reform without going through a coalition to get it.

No one cao predict an election result. There seem to be twn possible results which would be very bad. A large Labour majority, such as most of the polls have predicted for most of the campaign, would weaken the power of the moderates inside the party, and would commit the country to a large extension of socialism which perhaps only a Britaio oeeds.

quarter or less of the total electorate really want. A hig Lahour majority would not control inflation, hut might try to turn Britain into a socialist country, with all the frustration and resentment that would cause.

The other really bad result would he a stalemate which gave the Ulster Protestant group a deciding voice. Mr Powell has repeated io bis Ulster campaign the vary serious fault of bis campaign on immigratioo. He has identified with the communal loyalty of one group to the point of encouraging their communal bostility against aoother. If a situation arose which magnified bis influence, the effect would be malien. There are two other outcomes

which would be easier for the uation to work with. One, which is perbaps tha most likely, would be a small overall Labour majority. Even in this case the substantial disadvantages of Labour government would be felt, and the class bostility of the Labour manifesto would be given legislative effect. Yet with a small majority the moderates io the Labour Party would not be swamped by the left, and the Government would be able to show wbether their claims about the social cootract bad validity in them or not. Unfortunately even a small Labour majority will probably produce a gratuitous national crisis over Europe.

The best result in our view would be a small overall Conservative majority governing with some Liheral support, or a combined majority for the Cooservatives and Liberals. If the Liberals had indicated their willingness to join in such a coalition wa would certainly have advised that a Liberal-Conservative coalition ought to be the national objective in this election. Such a coalition could well make a good government. It would have to be based on a commitment to electoral reform. It would make a conscious effort to draw the oation together socially. It should follow the Liberal rather than the Conservative policy towards Scotland and Wales, and it should he a condition of such a coalition that Mr Grimond would be Secretary of State for Scotland. At the same time a Conservative-Liheral government would have the experience of the Conservative Party in actually governing. It yours faithfully, would be united in trying to make IAIN STEWART, success of Europe, rather than frittering away our European strength. Mr Heath's understanding of Europe is an important national asset; he is a great European figure.

Justifiable

Beyond that it is vital in any case to elect a good Parliament to deal with great dangers. The objective of a good Parliament means that electors should step outside their oormal party commitments io order to vote for good members of all parties. It would be justifiable to do that for Mr Mayhew in Bath or for Mrs Williams in Stevenage and Hertford. It would be justifiable oo the same grounds to vote for some of the younger Conservais in the same spirit of looking for the best peopla, rather than voting the straight ticket, that we hope the outcome may produce a Conservative-Liberal coalitioo; such a government would be European, progressive, interoarevive the spark of hope that

A NEW TYPE OF ELECTION IN SCOTLAND Intil this year elections in as an indication of how many who would otherwise be prepared cotland have been to all intents and purposes an extension of the amnaign in England. The mphasis nn issues and the movegent of opinion may have been lifferent, but it has been recogizably the same contest. That no langer true. The rise of he Scottish National Party has ransformed the hattleground. In he past they were often a factor ut scarcely a force. Their interration might determine which of he main parties won in a particuar constituency, but until 1970 hey had never won a seat to a everal election. Signs of a ossible breakthrough became prarent in February when they nn seven seats, but it was ot clear then whether this as more than a much enlarged rotest vote-in which case would have been oo morc un the Scottish equivalent precisely the same trend England. Their strength now istinguishes this campaign from ry previous general alection in colland and from the battle ning waged in England. That ill remain true whatever the mcome may he.

Opinion polls have given the Minster Government loto making NP 28 to 30 per cent of popular concessions to Scotland—and apport throughout Scotland they already have a fair amount hat puts them in second place imfortably ahead of the Conseritives. The significance of that not so much as a guide to how any seats the SNP will win, but Britain? A oumber of people any time within memory.

contests have been changed frooi straight Labour-Conservative hattle into a struggle between the SNP and the sitting memher of whatever party.

This does not mean that it bas in fact become a single-issue campaign, much as the SNP would like it to be one. In many constituencies the contest is being waged on two levels. First there is the question: who can do most for Scotland? All parties bave responded to this with their proposals for a Scottish assembly of one kind or another. The SNP have responded by trying to spread their appeal heyond those who share the ambitioo for independence. Only a minority of Scottish people-oo more than about one in five tn judge by the polls-want to leave the United Kiogdom. But there is a much broader sector of opinion which wants Scotland to have a hetter deal within the United Kiogdom. The SNP, while themselves wanting independence, are also trying to woo this second group with the argument that the election of SNP members of Parliament is the hest way to push the West-

of supporting evidence since February. But then there is the second

to vote SNP may have a strong preference for a Labour or Cooservative Government in London. So there is io maoy minds a conflict between new and old loyalties, and uncertainty as to whether it is safe to vote SNP Rightists believe that society only without letting the dreaded enemy into office at Westmioster. This is particularly evident io the conflict herween a sense of means that he is against other working-class solidarity and nationalist aspirations in Labourheld seats. But the SNP could in which a sustained attack could also benefit from some voters be mounted against organized labour being concerned above all with the complexion of the next United Kingdom Government The nationalists could gain a number of seats simply from tactical voting, especially from Conservatives in some key coostituencies switching their votes to SNP just in order to defeat Lahour.

It has been said on a number of occasions that this election will he determined in Scotland. So it may be. But another cooclusion October 1. can already be drawn from the campaign there. There is a new confidence, a new mood of assertioo, to some extent a oew selfisbness, running io Scotland now. No doubt this is largely the product of the oil around ber sbores. She may not want to separate herself from Britain but she has become more of a distinct question: who can best govern force io British politics than at

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election issues: union attitudes to labour flexibility

From Sir lain Stewart Sir, We read and bear a variety of erudite opinions about the causes of inflation but surely within the in-dustrial economy of the United Kingdom the disease is so much worse than it is with our compentors due to our excessively low pro-ductivity, which arises mainly from gross overmanning in the traditional

craft industries.

It is evident that politicians, employers and trade unionists carefully avoid referring to this critical factor because invariably the elimination of overmanning and the higher productivity which appears can only be ductivity which results can only be achieved through change of employment. In Britain this means redun-dancy end, therefore, unemploy-ment and all the indignities that go with it—and to even talk about redundancy not only generates threatened strike accon but also

With more than 600 unions being free to apply their own laws of demarcation, lahour mobility in Britain is totally consupated, and consequently vast numbers who should be, and are, quite capable of being more fully employed over a wide range of skills, are being paid handaomely for doing virtually nothing. Trade unionists are more aware than anyone of such skiving and many are ashamed of it. After all no self-respecting bousewife would pay for a plumber, electrician or carpenter to do wbat she knowa or carpenter to do what she knows she or her own bandyman husband can do equally as well, and yet they and their unions insist on these measures being applied in industry Costs, therefore, rise and so do prices, but productivity remains stagnant. And yet, an equivalent increase in effort for increased wages is the only effective way in which domesoc inflation can be countered in order to avoid the circularioo of further devalued cureocy.

To reestablish a healthy balance of payments there must be a new conception of labour mobility and flexibility which need not bave any connexion with unemployment as we understand it in this country today. In Sweden, for instance, due to cooperation between government, employers and trade unions in regard to retraining and planned reemployment, potential redundancy is regarded as a stepping stooe to higher living standards and also as a respectable and desirable feature of bealthy industrial activity. Con-sequently, the Swedish unions, and the Americans and Germans too for that matter, argue and strike about the division of profit but unite in creating it. Why don't Tories, Liberals and Socialists waken up to the fact that the measures needed to promote industrial efficiency must be the same whichever party ls in government? Redundancy there must be, but not necessarily unemployment if government will plan to annicipate the needs of those who must change employment to the interests of the nanooal economy. Yours faithfully,

53 Drymen Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.

From Mr David Montagu Sir, This country faces the biggest economic crisis since 1931. On this, at least, all three party leaders seem to agree. The public at large bave probably grown bored of bear iog about economic crises and may be unable to differentiate between this ooe and others we have faced in the postwar years. But there is an overriding and very real difference. This economic crisis is bappeniog at a time when all the western economies are under pressures and strains, the bulk of which can be attributed to the quadrupling of the price of oil following the Arab-Israeli war, and the resultant gallop-ing cancer of inflation which threatens the fabric of society.

Our particular crisis in this country is exacerbated by our bistorically low growth rate, and by the failure or politicians sioce the end of the war to get to grips with fuodamental issues; and now we face an election. I submit that the description " make or break election " is by no means an exaggeracion.

We must examine the options open we must examine the options open tu the electorate. They can return a Labour government. For seren mooths oow we have had a government of the "soft option", a government of capitulation. We have had ampla demonstration that this government is controlled or dictated to by the extreme left, if not within the Cabinet certainly within the to by the extreme left, if not withio the Cabinet, certainly within the unions. A vote for Labour, if it should result in a Labour government with an overall majority, will mean a further lurch to the left, and a continuation of the Marxist marionette show which threatens our institutions, undermines international confidence in this country, and puts at very grave risk the living and puts at very grave risk the living standards, indeed the jobs, of our

people.

Furthermore, it would mean the election of a government who, by their own admission state that there is "no meed og point", that only they have the power to deal with our present ills, only they can diagnose, prescribe and cure the sick Birish economy, and that they will consult, negotiate with nobody else. How much more arrogaot could they be, and how much more insulting to the great mass of opinion in this country who would like to polarise the extremes, both on the right and on the left, and see a goveroment of genuioe nanonal upity, steering a middle of the road course?

There is another opoon. To vote Liheral. Any increase in the Liberal vote is likely to damage the Tories more than the Labour Party. Any of the six million voters who voted Liberal at the last election who feel they achieved anything constructive ought to reconsider their position. They, in fact, more than any other section of society, have created the situation we have now—a further geoeral election at a time of grave economic crisis. Those ex-Conservaoves who voted Liberal as a protest vote in February must now see what this pratest has cost the country in tervis of economic advancement and confidence, hoto internally and

contended, in the contended of the conservative Party. And here let us state unequivocally that at least Conservative mioisters have bad the bumility to concede that mistakes were made in the previous Admini-stration. They are not arrogantly talking of "no meeting point"; on the contrary, they have expressed the view that they will invite men of good will to form with them a government of national unity to lems and to build for a long-term Britain of which we can be proud. Is it too much to ask that the British people sbould respond at this moment of grave crisis to the one party which draws its support from across the board, and which has as the most important plank in its election platform the desire to bring the nation together in a sense of common purpose to defeat the very real eoemy which is attacking daily Inflation and hrokeo confidence? For let there be no illusions:

those who oow denigrate the Tory leadership are painfully ignorant of sume work. Maoagement welcomes settlement—journalists unanimously accept oew offer—first ever ITN

No mention in ITN's case, bowever,

of the social cootract. No details of the percentage increase. More

important, no mennon of the salary levela to which the percentage musi

he added.

A neighbour, equally incensed, telephoned ITN to be told that all the details would be in Saturday's

Some will cooclude that it is a-good job that we soll have news-papers. Others will see it as evidence

that everyone believes in wage restraint—so long as it does not apply to them.

Yours faithfully,

Sir, No government of national unity can bave permanence or cononuity

unless it is accompanied by the

introduction of a fair and represen-taove electoral system.

Mr Heath is reported by George Hurchinson (The Times, Saturday, October 5) to have said firstly "we

cannot go on io this country io a

situation where every change of

policy. No country can survive on this basis" and, secondly, be goes on to recognize people's frustration

with our present system and its failure to produce sufficient growth to "produce the answer for them".

Mr Heath, therefore, both recog-

nizes the evils and lack of success

inherent in our present system and

be is prepared to face them by advo-

cating a government of national unity. He must also know that it

would be quite impossible to form

such a government in any meaning.

ful way without an unshakable

promise to introduce electoral reform in the next parliament.

We believe that such a promise would give credibility and realism to

bis proposals and would win for them the support of many people intending to vote Liberal this time

and not a few from Social Democrats who imend to vote Labour.

strike is over.

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October 6.

ELIZABETH MASON.

Electoral reform

From Mr Anthony Wigram

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the facts. Mr Heath, more than any Prime Minister in this country since the war, came closer to achieving the miracle of voluntary agreement between the three factors—manage ment, labour and government—in his long and arduous discussions with the trade unions in 1972, and it was a tragedy that those efforts were frustrated by the few on the extreme left who are now the pay masters and the policy makers of our present Government. Mr Heath's Administration, in raising produc-tivity in this country, albeit for a brief period, was the first government since the war to recognize that an essential element in eco-nomic growth is the profitability of industry, and it was out his fault, nor the Conservative Government's fault, that com-modity prices worldwide, and in

particular the price of oil, created a situation whereby the successful outsituation whereby the successful outcome of these policies was destroyed.
But there is something more
fundamental at this time which the
British public have to ask themselves before casting their vote on
October 10. Are we to go down in
history as the nation which accepted
the "soft option", the nation which
opted out of national pride, the
nation prepared to be bribed by
short-term, ill-considered handouts short-term, ill-considered handouts for political motives, regardless of the longer term implications? Mr Healey's juggling with figures in his recent announcement about the in-flation rate, without being trutbful enough to give the real causes for the improvement which he referred to, is typical of the way the Labour Government are deliberately mis-leading the public for the purposea of this election. But worse than that, if they were to win the election Denis Healey would be the man that international governments and nternational governments and ankers would bave to deal with in

will have to take place. There is, I submit, really no alternative for anybody who believes in social democracy other than to vote Conservative at the forthcoming election. A vote for Labour, or a vote for the Liberals, is a vote to end social democracy in the United Kingdom and to destroy those institutions which form the fabric of our society as we bave known it. Yours faithfully,

the very crucial negotiagoos which

DAVID MONTAGU. 25 Kingston House, South, Ennismore Gardens, SW7. October 7.

From Mr J. S. Bingham Sir, As a lifelong Tory, I believe it would be extremely damaging to the real interests of my party if we were to win the general election.

First, the crisis is so far developed that any government, Labour or Tory, must be supremely unpopular in early 1975. Inflacion, unemploy-ment and violence will almost cer-tainly force another general election fast. If the resigning government were Tory, this could destroy the party, particularly if the Liberals

maintain their momentum. Second, defeat of the Tory Party would enable it to resbape its policies and return to its popular roots. And to resbape its leadership too. (Whatever way the leadership was resbaped, the party's cross-class appeal would be immensely streogthened by the inclusion of Mr

For these reasons, Tories will do a disservice to their party if they vote Tory on October 10. Yours sincerely. JOHN BINGHAM, Chairman

Busioess Studies Consultants Ltd, 42 Park Road, W4. October 8.

Role of trade unions

From Mr John Clunas Sir, As a trade unionist and member of the Labour Party, I am disturbed by the extent to which a bard-line Marxist analysis of Britain's difficultives whose seats are in danger like Mr Hayhoe in Chiswick. It is in the same spirit of looking all-out conflict between organized labour and the rest of society is dear to the true revolutionary's beart, but the inevitability of just such a conflict is now accepted by many well-meaning Conservatives.

Of course, for "organized lahour" the Marxist substitutes the "working class" and for the "rest of sociate" tionalist, unsympathetic to fur-ther oationalization and relatively realistic about inflation. It might well still fail, but it might also revive the spark of hope that too many people who ahould know better are prepared to propound a conspiracy theory of politics. We are told that "the militants" are successfully orcbestrating the destruction of civilized society.

The extravagant criocism of trade unionism which is now so fashionable makes me wonder if certain members of the middle classes are preparing to bomb working people back into the nineteenth century. Of course, the public distante for militancy and the extent of populist anti-union senoment makes some ha: to deal with a bandful of baddies". It is not as simple as that. The worker who says that be is "against strikes" frequently

people's strikes. I canoot conceive of a siruacon without an all-out civil war hecoming inevitable. Having no taste for the barricades, I find this prospect terrifying.

If enough people pay attention to the prophets of doom, their prophecies will be self fulfilling. This country badly needs a sense of proportion with respect to the role trade unions. Yours faithfully.

JOHN CLUNAS, Caedmon Avenue, Whitby, Yorksbire.

ITN pay settlement

From Mrs Elizabeth Mason Sir, For double standards of industrial reporting, the ITN News at Ten last Friday (October 4) must take some beating.
First item: Ford pay talks. Social contract broken—biggest ever Ford offer—38 per cent increases—new wage rates detailed.
Second item: ITN journalists re-

We have conducted our own unofficial poll of 230 potantial Liberal voters and bave found that no fewer that 48 per cent of them would be influenced to vote Conservaove this rime hy a firm pledge on electoral reform Every other comparable parlia-

mentary democracy except Canada and Naw Zealand, both of which are special cases, have long ago iotro-duced a fair and representative electoral system. With the excep-tion of Italy, these countries are io many ways both more stable than we are and bave been economically more successful. This is so because they bave escaped from the elernal civil war of adversary politics and managed to steer a ceotral course which seeks consensus and compro-

Party politics in Britain have alwaya bad to be abandooed in times of crisis because they are theo recognized to be unacceptably damaging to the national interest. This has been true in 1916, 1931 and 1940. We are now told that we are facing a crisis at least as grave as any which has preceded it and, if this is true, our poliocal leaders will inevitably be forced to sink their differences and join together to face the emergeocy. In this situation, surely it would be right to examine ways io which our method of government can be permanently improved. so that there is no return after the crisis to the present wasteful. unpopular and unsuccessful confroo-Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY WIGRAM, Director,
Conservative Action for Electoral

Reform, 6 Queeo Street, Mayfair, W1.

Weakness of coalition From Mrs Margaret Fairhaad

Sir, The easy attractions of a coalinon government or a government of national unity obscure some fundamental considerations. A healthy democracy requires not only a government represeon og the majority but also a vigorous opposi-don continually at liberty—indeed having the duty-to voice another point of view.

The danger in the appeal for unity lies not so much in the probable result of an iodecisive Cabinet, as in its implication that if the government represents everybody. the opposition can only represent the fifth column. When such a national government" bas failed to live up to the bigh bopes it may have generated—and no government bas any chance of solving our present economic problems io the short run-the dangerous vacuum created would give Mr Enoch Powell the opportunity be must be waiting for. Such an intended result of Conservative and Liberal policies surely not what either party

really wants.

A mature, cricket playing nation is best served by two strong tesms going in to bat alternately and a plagua on proportional representa-

Yours faithfully, MARGARET FAIRHEAD, Rose Cottage, Rowney Green Lane, Birmingham.

Referendum on the EEC

From Mr James Marchoni Sir, Can anyone explain why Mr Sir, Can anyone explain why Mr Heath insists, in this desporate hour, on forfeiting the support of many of staunchest Tory conviction? No one can be expected to take seriously all this "unconstitutional claptrap; it is the violation of our constitution by the first real change in the starts of this country since

the Norman Concuest the real change in the status of this country siege the Norman Concuest the real with the status would be about.

Mr Heath is even reported as saying that a referendum would undermine Parliament! If that is what ba really thinks of the electors' meniality we had better abolisb eitber elections or Mr Heath. The fact is that in 1970 as always,

a party was elected to gorern, and legislators to legislate: neither had a scrap of authority to "pool" their powers or the performance of their duties with anyone else. All the reforms quoted from Maine by Dr Marshall 1October "1 could possibly be regarded as within the scope of Parliament's mandate; but not to extend that mandate to not to extend that mandate to foreign institutions.

In the last analysis the surereignty of the Crown in Parliament is but a reflection of the sovereignty of the British people which in the absence of a straight inter-party division only a referendum can

The vapidity of the counterarguments advanced is an obvious, one must conclude that the only real objection of the Conservative hierarchy to a referendum is the possibility of their losing it. Yours faithfully,

JAMES MARCHANT,

102 Queensway, Bletchley, Buckinghamshira, October 7.

High unemployment From Sir Keith Joseph

Sir, My views are grossly traduced in your news columns today. One of your staff correspondents, Mr Alan Hamilton, writes on page four that Michael Foot is "scathing about Sir Keith Joseph, whose proposed use of high unemployment as an economic regulator be core as an economic regulator be sees as a cure worse than the disease". Since you were good enough to publish my Preston speech in full, and it said the opposite of what I am now reported at second band as haviog advocated, there is no excuse for Mr Foot's misrepresenta-

I am sorry that a senior member of the Labour Government should have a part in this rather than

have a part in this rather than argue the case on its merits. But sioce be bas done so in your columns, may I take the opportunity to reiterate my position?

First, I do not believe that unemployment—high or eveu low—should be used to help combat inflation, or that it would indeed achieve this; no "mooetarist" would argue that it could, for obvious reasons. Secondly, I argued that the way statistics are presented inflates the extent of "demand unemployment" by a factor of two or employment "by a factor of two or three, and under-states the demand for labour by a similar factor.

Hence the "Keynesian" remedies of the thirdes misapplied to the cooditions of the sixties and seven designees and seven designees are seven designees.

nes inexorably generated galloping inflacion which burt us all, not least those on the margin of the labour force in whose interests these poli

cies were ostensibly designed.
Thirdly, I did not prescribe big:
unemployment, or indeed any unemployment, as a regulator or for any other purpose. I warned, that if we carried on with inflationary policies designed to keep several times as many vacancies as there are employable undemployed, we should end by an economic collapse which will bring bigh unemployment, a highly undesirable result. At the time Mr Foot among others pooh-poobed thesa warnings; they are oow increasingly difficult to ignore. Hence it is I who censur Labour as a party of high unemploment to practice, just as it was employment, as a regulator or ment io practice, just as it was 1929. Will they ever learn? Yours faithfully, KEITH JOSEPH, 23 Mulberry Walk, SW3. October 8.

Ulster power-sharing

From Professor Marcus Wheeler Sir, Mr J. Enoch Powell's ripost (October 5) to my colleague Dr O'Leary is, at best, disingenuous. It defies belief that he can have missed wbat, to me at least, was incon-trovertibly the point of Dr O'Leary's letter—namely, the contrast between Mr Powell on Ulster in 1974 and Mr Powell on Cyprus (not Ulster) i-1959 (not 1972). Yours faithfully, MARCUS WHEELER, Department of Slavonic Studies,

The Queen'a University of Belfast Belfast. October 5.

A view from abroad

From Mr Peter Harbusch Sir, Please allow me some remarks from a stranger's point of view about the situacco in your country. Once you bave been a nanon

which bad to be admired by all thinking people in their "free world", and the ideals of personal freedom and jusoice, liberalism and democracy spread all over the world. fascinating the awakening individuals everywhere.
But I thiok that today's situation

in Great Britain shows a frightening decline of this great civilization, if the ideas of your trade unions and the left wing of the ruling party will succeed, it will result in an institunonalization of envy; the ruling of the ochlocrats. Inatead of "aristo-cratic" feelings, the governing of the very best-through the means of a free society—in all parts of public life, there will rule the jealous mind, the prophets of material equality.

If there will not be a rise against this powerful because simplifying

this powerful, because aimplifying stream of collectivism-trying to saosiy only the most primiove in-atincts—I fear it will not take long that people will say "Poor New England"

Sincerely yours, PETER HARBUSCH, D 35 Kassel, Esmarcbstr, 61. West Germany, September 30.



Forthcoming

Hon V. J. R. Baring and Miss L. G. Baring

Mr T. J. Rider and Miss E. P. Millican

Mr N. A. Samuel and Miss C. J. Sacks

The engagement is announced hetween Nicholas Alan, elder son of the Hon Peter and Mrs Samuel, of Farley Hall, Farley Hill, Berk-

shire, and Caroline Jane, younger daughter of Or and Mrs David Sacks, of 38 Brondesbury Park, London, NW6.

Mr B. Terry
and Miss J. Heap
The engagement is announced
between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs
R. F. Terry, and Jaoet, daughter
of Mr and Mrs F. Heap.

Mr G. Campbell-Juhuston and Miss J. Evili The marriage tnok place quietly in London on Friday, October 4, between Mr George Campbell-Johnston and Miss Jane Evill.

and Miss S. M. Egar
The marriage took place on September 10 in Califordia of Mr R.
Timothy Todd, younger son of
Mr and Mrs R. T. Todd. of
Ontario. Canada, and Miss Susan
M. Egar, elder daughter of the
late Mr S. Egar and of Mrs Egar,
19 Thorpe Avenue, Peterborough.

Today's engagements

Savoy Hotel, 7.20 pm.

The Ouchess of Kent attends Royal

College of Organists' Dinner.

Exhibition: The Destruction of the Country Honse, 1875-197S, to launch European Architectural Heritage Year, Victoria and

Albert Museum, 10 am to 6 pm. Exhibition of English Toy

Museum, I Scala Street, Totten-

ham Court Road, 10 am-S pm.

Royal Mews, open to the public.

Buckingham Palace Road, 2 pm-Lecture: Man, by the Rev

Guil dford

Mt M. J. Voggenauer and Miss M. J. Tweedie

Marriages

Mr R. T. Todd and Miss S. M. Egar

marriages

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE October 8 : The Priocess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief The Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Licutenant-Colonel J. Hall-Tipping on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 3rd

Battalion.

Her Royal Highness subsequently received Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Aris on assuming this appoint-

CLARENCE HOUSE October 8: Ruth, Lady Fermoy, has succeeded Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizaheth The Queen hiother.

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
October 8: The Duke of Gloucester
this afternoon left Heathrow Airport. London, 10 visit the United
States, where His Royal Highness
In il gire lectures in New York,
Washington and Philadelphia, on
behalf of the Victorian Society.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in artendance. was in artendance.

Tite Duke of Kent is 39 today. Ars Nubar Gulbenkian will be In London in the middle of each week from October 15 to November 4. Sbe hopes her friends will contact her through the Ritz Hotet.

A service of thanksgiring for the life and work of Mr Michael Hawke Nisbet, Controller of SSAFA, will he held at Si Clemeni Danes (the Royal Air Force church), Strand, WC2, at 11.00 am, on Wednesday, October 23. Tickets are obtainable from SSAFA, 27 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London, SWIH 9EZ.

The address of the British Conncil's beadquarters is now 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2EN Telephone 01-930 8466.

Birthdays today

Lord Ealerno, 76; Lord Chelmer, 60; Most Rev Dr F. D. Coggan, 67; Major-General C. E. A. Firth, 72; Sir W. Robert Fraser, 83; Sir Runald Gould, 70; Lord Hallsham nf St Marylebone, 67; Sir Guy Nott-Bower, 84; Earl St Aldnyn, 62; Sir Harold Sanders, 76; Mr Alastair Sim, 74; Mr Oonald Sinden, 51; Colonel the Earl of Stair, 68.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Rear-Admiral A. G. Talt promoted vice-admiral and to be Flag Officer Plymouth, Port Admiral Oevon-port, Commander Central Sub-Area, Eastern Atlande, and Commander Plymouth Sub Area, Chan-

From The Times of Saturday, October 8, 1949 Cyprus discontent

From Our Special Correspondent In Cyprus In Cyprus
The Island of Cyprus is a welladministered colony. Fundamentalir, it is the most prosperous
and stable country in the Near
East, and it alfards an nutstanding example of efficient and
intelligent government. Two very
different summarities live to different communities live rogettler in peace, if nut in friendschip; respect for the indiridual
is taken for granted.

Efforts to advance the island
constitutionally, however, have
been frustrated by the people.
Communist slogans are whitewashed on the walls of rillage
taveras; in grocers' shops portraits of the King of the Hellenes
hang above the onloss and articlinkes. Students, gathering round
the Greek flog, are transformed

GARRARD

present

The Piaget

Centenary Watch

Exhibition

October 8th-25th

An Exhibition of superb watches to

celebrate the Centenary of Piaget, Master Watchmaker-Jewellers of Switzerland.

Pride of place will be taken by the finest watches

together with the latest products of other leading.

The new Plaget models for 1975 will also be on view.

Plaget have ever produced — Their magnificent

Centenaly designs.

At this Exhibition you will see

The Piaget Centenary

Exhibition is open on

and on Saturdays from

(While at the Shourcom, you

could also make an early and

lessace, andreach to Christmas.

the finest watches in the world.

weekdays from 9,30 to 5.30

watch houses.

9,30 to 12.30

Gift selection.)

the Greek flue, are transformed by the nostalgua of nationalist songs and dream of union with Greece. Both the Left and the Right, the Communists and the Clarich, unite in their demand for such a union.

Latest wills

Anthony Harvey, Cathedral, 8.15 pm.

Major Eric Philip Stocks, of Downham Market, left £1,657,098 (duty paid £902,983). After specific bequests, including £120,000 and his flat in Ennismore Gardens, Kensington, to his cousin, Evelyn O. Schott, he left the residue to a kinsman, Bryan Charterworth. Kinsman, Bryan Charterworth.

Eileen Fenimore Somers, of
Chisleburst, left £83,659 net 1duty
pald £3,420). After bequests nf
£4,000, sbe left threequarters of
the residue to the Gulde Dogs for
the Blind Associadon and a quarter to the Imperial Cancer Research
Finni. Fund.
Other estates include their before

duty paid; further duty may be payable on some estates); payable on some estates):
Jebens, Major Frank Julius, of
Wimpole Street. London, left
£48,0% net iduty paid £811). He
left £10,000 to the RSPCA.
Gardner, Miss Mary Evelyn
Stanhope, of Tunbridge Wells,
daughter of the first and last Lord
Burgbelere, left £21,793 net iduty
paid, £4,295).
Iov. Sir George Andrew of Rve.

Joy, Sir George Andrew of Rye, Governor of St Helena, 1946-53 f1,896.



The bishups leaving St William's Cullege for York Minster for the opening of the convocation yesterday.

and Miss M. J. Iweene The engagement is announcen between Michael Jindrich, son of Herr Josef Voggeoauer, of Munich, and of Mme Jitka LukasikVanha, of Idar-Oberstein, and Margaret Jane, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs John Tweedie, of Woodslee House, Canonbie, DumFriestling Bishop urges changes in selection

From Our Correspondent York

York
The Church of England needs stiffer selection procedures to produce better priests, the Bishop of Southwell, the Right Rer John Wakeling, said at the opening of the Convocation at York yesterday. Too many were being ordained who had difficulties of relationship and personality; they simply were not strong enough to be priests.

simply were not strong enough to be priests.

The hishop called for more psychiatric and personality assessment during selection because it was vital that the priesthood, as a working group, should maintain society's confidence to cope with its supernatural needs. There had been a "vast recourse to spirituality on a do-it-ynurself basis" because some people had already inst confidence.

"Interest in the occult also re-"Interest in the occult also re-flects a failure by the Church to be convincingly able to meet man's auxienes about life and death". the bisbop said. "We may not

By Our Horricultural

Correspondent
It is specialists' time at the Royal
Horticultural Society's halls at
Westminster, for besides the exhibits in the RHS show in the new
hall, there are shows of the Cactus
and Succulent Society of Great
Britain, the British Nadonal Carnadon Society, the Alpine Garden

don Society, the Alpine Garden Society and the Japan Society of London. The old hall is comfoctably filled by the Royal Horricul-rural Society's fruit and regetable

made:
First class certificates to Lapageria
rosea, deep rose pink; and Ageria
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rosea, deep rose pink; and gold
rottage, both from the Crossyn Commissomeri, Windson Great Park,
Awards of meeti Aronia arbutirolla Erecta, scarlet toilage, from Art
A. H. Poller, fremynrin, Corrus
rapitata, red fruits, from topt Aberconway and the National Trust, Bodyant
fills cornus has already received an

British Council
Mr J. D. B. Fowells, assistant
director-general of the British
Council, was bost at a luncbeon
held yesterday at the Hyde Park
Hotel on the occasion of the meetinc of the British Italian Mixed
Commission. Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, chairman of the commission, the Italian Ambassador and
Siener Victorio Cordero di Montermolo, leader of the Italian
delegation, were among those

delegation, were among those

Port of London Authority
The Director-General of the Port
of London Authority and Mrs
John Lunch gave a supper party
on board the PLA motor launch
Nore last night at which the following guests were present:
L'euleman-Colonel the Bon Sir Marin
and Lady Charleris. Sir Dutth and Lidy
Ramell. Sir Robin and Lady TicAloines.
Sir Milliam and Lady Hendell. Sir
Fondid and Lady Leath Mr and Mrs
Goodber Mr and Mrs and Mrs A. C.
Mrs 3. Gerdon, Mr and Mrs S. E. R.
dr ba Mahothere and Mr and Mrs A.
Shaw.

The following Harmswirth law scholarships are announced:

H. L. P. Mars, Newton S. and St. John's L. Cambridge D. G. Casshir, Downwise and I.S.E. N. R. L. Chilliard, Dur's in Vers. S. Nationia, and Birlied Lett. J. W. John. Bode S. and St. John's C. Casshire heat seed of the seed o

Luncheon

Supper party

Middle Temple

Port of London Authority

following awards were

right sort of recruits, but must be careful unt to take on larger numbers than it could adequately

pay.

He recommended a minimum silpend of \$1,500 for assistant curates plus accommodation. With inflation that would be increasingly difficult to provide. But he rejected as exaggerated a view that a self-supporting auxiliary clergy would become the norm in the future. The convocation resolved to

The convocation resolved to welcome the agreed statement on ministry and ordination produced by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission and commended it to the Church of England for its consideration. Archbishop applauded: The Convocation of Canterbury gave the Archbishop of Canterbury, its retiring president, a warm and spontaneous reception in London

Specialist gardeners show their art

such a feature of the sbow in bygone years.
Leading prizewinners were:
A collection of lour kinds of desert fruit. Hogg medal: Seismograph Service in Lugland, Lid: Reston, Two bunches any other black grape: Norwood Hall Institute, Sauthalf: Iwo bunches any white grape, the Duko of Oevonshire, Chaisworth.

Twelve variolles of hardy fruits:

award of merit as a flowering plant.

Is inusural for a plant to receive awards but for namers and inuits.

The quality of the exhibits in the fruit and vegetable show is remarkably kigh, aktiough inevitably we miss the superb collections of bothouse fruits from the society's autumn show attracted.

Gardens and Allotiments Society's Greek.

Gardens and Allotiments Society's Carbon, Script of the state of the kinds of typel-show the superb collection of the state of the superb collection of herbs: the lines of the superbolic sup

Department of Energy
Sir Jack Rampton, Permanent
Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy, and Mr Peter
Gibson, director-general of the
Offshore Supplies Office, were
hosts at a reception beld at Lancatter House last night in honour
of delegates to the International
Offshore Technology Conference.

Mr Darid Oglivy opened an exhibition enritled "Printed in Britain" at a reception last night at the Design Centre, Haymarket, London, Sir Paul Rellly, director of the Design Council, was host and Lord Caldecore, chairman, was also present.

The Earl of Selkirk entertained

members of the Royal Central Asian Society Dinner Club at din-

ner in the House of Lords vester-day. Sir John Addis was the

Notlingham RS and Si Anne's C. Ovford: G. L. Taylor, Ebbw Vale (S and Keele Univ. P. J. II Tuwier, Peler Symonys's and Clare C. Cambridge Wes H. V. Hillami. Religate CS and King's C London.

Benefactors law scholarships:
P. J. R. Armstrons, Ourham Johnston,
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P. J. R. Armstrons, Cambridge,
T. P. Herman, S. Thomas, Acultas GS,
and Peterbouse, Cambridge, M. K.
Activest, Baywater Co. S. Mind S. and
London, Univ. W. J. Nurris, Sherborne,
2011 New Golden, Oxlord.

Reception

Dinner

Earl of Setkirk

Department of Energy

h variolles of hardy fruits:
Baxondale, Chichesier; six
Mrs H, Gestotter, Boxsan,
5 of apples and pears; T, D,
e three cooking and three
ericules at apples; H. A. Kinget Moiseoy; three varieties of

want to be put on their level but society cannot do without a guru or a witch doctur."

He was speaking on a modon proposed by the Bishop of Wakefield, who sald that the Citurch needed to search barder for the wight sort of recruits hut must be read to the coursely a second to the coursely level to the coursel to the cou "I think it is very important", be said, "that the small Anglican presence in South America should include not only devoted missionaries but also churchmen able to respond to the ecumenical scene, and to he sensitive to the immense social and economic issues in the countries where they work."

Dr. Ramsey's imminent retire-

Dr Ramsey's imminent retirement from office, and his recent book, Canterbury Pilgrim, is made the occasion for an attack on the government of the Church of England in an editorial article in the latest edition of Theology. England in an editorial article in the latest edition of Theology, the influential Anglican journal. The real trouble facing the church is oot the "inflated establishment question", it says, but why suitable churchmen sometimes reject the offer of a bishopric, thereby depriving the church of some of its potentially best leaders."

The editorial remarks: " If we retribusion of Canterbury gave the Archhisbop of Canterbury, its retiring president, a warm and spontaneous reception in London yesterday.

Most of Dr Ramsey's remarks concerned his recent visit to South America. He said be bad encountered much friendliness from the Roman Catholic Church there, although Anglicanism made up

a very good entry. Leading prize-

Winners:
Awards for highest aggregate of points, W. H. Page cap: F. Webster. Bolton: Jewell Alicroft traphy: N. Norwood. Sulton-in-Andrield: Howard de Ivalden cup: R. Pearson, Darier Abbey: Best bloom in the novices classes, Roozenoord crp: A. Noriclifie, Lynam I rariety Rose Solendour: best bloom in seedling class, Allwood Bros brophy Woodfield Bros: Best scenied carnations. Bally Mail cup: I. E. Bradsaw. Salver: Woodfield Bros: Stuart Lowe Salver: Woodfield Bros: Stuart Lowe cap: Woodfield Bros.

The Alpine Garden Society's

The Alpine Garden Society's autumo show is well supported and in many classes is more colourful than usual. Leading prize-

ful than usual. Leading prize-winners:

Pan size not exceeding 12 inches:
six pans rock plants: AGS medal: K.
Brydea, Sawbridgeworth, who also won
the Farrer medal for the best plant in
the show ' Cyclaimen graecum '!;
three pens bulbous plants; Rev R. J.
Blakewag-phillipa. Orwell: three pans
plants with alver lottage: C. A. Holided. Woking.
Pan size Gr.

Sale Room Correspondent

A coin sale at Christle's yesterday

brought prices that the aucdoneers

esdmated as averaging about 30

per cent higher than June levels. The sale attracted many Continen-

tal dealers, notably from Switzer-

tai dealers, notably from Switzerland, Italy and France.

The accent was on condition and an American silver dollar of 1795 in "extremely fine" condition made the top price of £2,700 (Spinkl: Dollars were first issued in 1794 but this is the first collectable date. This coin came from an old rollection.

able date. This coin came from an old rullection.

A group of three Scortish gold coins also made exceptionally high prices, a James til (1460-1488) quarier-rider went for £1,100. Only about six of these coins are known.

A James V (1513-1542) bornet piece made £1,800 (Ahlstrom) and a Mary Queen of Scots (1542-67) half-rval made £1,300 (Comulnos). It had heen polished and mounted, nut the type of condition that appeals to numlsmatists.

Another high price was the £1,350 (Ahlstrom) pald for a Swedish banknote. It its a two-thaler note dated May 21, 1666. Issued by the Bank of Sweden laiso known as the Palmstruck Rank). The banknotes in various denominations issued by Palmstruck are the first European banknotes, though as "paper" money eoes the steec money of Leyden. coins made from compressed Bible leaves, precede them.

leaves, precede them.

The rise in prire is underlined here by the fact that Spinks sold

or their universides, and the historic office will be tailored still further to fit smaller men."

It adds, bowever, that recent appointments to the bench of bishops indicate that there are still men of quality prepared to take on high position in the church. "The source may be drying up, but the end is not yet", the magazine comments. Records in he registered: The files and records of the administrative machinery of the Church of England, now gathering dust in many corners of central Church agencies, are to be located and registered in a project which started this treek. It is being conducted by a staff member of the Public Record Office, seconded to the Church for 12 months, and it is intended to assist present and future historians to track down sources that are at present either unknown or too dispersed to be useful.

Dr C. J. Kirching, an assistant keeper at the Public Record Office, will concentrate mainly on the Church Assembly, the Convencations

Church Assembly, the Conrocations of York and Canterbury, and the various departments of Church House, Westminster, Some of the records he will be concerned with are expected to go back to the eighteenth century, but much of the material will be modern.

three conopbytums, three lithops; three succulents; six South Afri-can succulents; 20 succulents from

seed and a group of cacti and succellents. Other prizewinners:

Cactus garden; Dr and Mrs G. C. W. Randall, Carshallon, three succilients (Novices Class; Mrs I. M. Horam, Streallism; three orassulas; Mrs A. Whicher, Redhill.

The show of honsai or dwarfed

trees arranged by the Japan Society of London contains some fine speciments. Leading prize-

another Palmstruck note for £900

three months ago.

The sale totalled £58,629, with

gold coins particularly sought after. A Christie's sale of Old Master drawings totalled \$14,761.

Master drawings totalled £14,761.

At Sotbeby's a sale of valuable books included a fourth folio edition of Shakespeare's Comedies. Histories and Tragedies of 1685 at £1,700 (Foyles); a second folio 11632) with two missing leaves in facsimile made £1,200 (Traylen). A first edition of Jane Austen's Pride and Prepudire made £440 (Traylen) while Sense and Sensibility made £400 (Pickering and Chatto). The sale totalled £19,506.

Chattol. The sale totalled £19,506. A Sotheby's sale of oriental jade and cerawles totalled £59,600. Italian furmiture: Italian huyers were artive at Phillips' sale of furniture and works of art yesterday. A pair of Italian eighteenth century walout semicircular sidetabtes went to Simone for £1,500 and the same huyer paid £720 for a set of six Italian eighteenth century dining chairs. The sale totalled £24,008.

At Thetyeron Hall, Diss. Nor-

winpers:

Silver dollar of 1795 brings

top price at coin sale

Crop yields reinforce winter feed anxiety

OBITUARY

SIR FRANK WOOD

Former civil

servant

Sir Frank Wand, KBE, CB, who died suddenly on October 6 at the age of 50, had very recently retired as Secretary of

the Ministry of Pasts and Tele-

communications, an appointment until the had held from 1969 until the Department was dis-

continued earlier this year.

In his integrity, his steadiness

of judgment based on a wide and varied experience, his

loyalty to ministers and colleagues and his robust good humour, he represented much

that is best in the civil service

Everynne wan worked with him knew exactly where they stood. He was full of commonsense and definite in his opinions. This, combined with his personal charm, won him both respect and affection from all with whom he came in con-

Frank Wood began his career

in the Exchequer and Audit Department, an experience which laid the foundation for his

long-standing attention to finan-

cial rectitude in public adminis-tration. In 1938 hc joined the Air Ministry and so entered-upon a period of 30 years in which he had a close association

with the many facets of ariation and the aircraft industry, largely

un the military side. He wan his sours in 1946 as Private Secre-

tary to the Secretary of State foc Air and in 1947 as Private Secretary to the Minister of Defence. He made steady pro-

gress upwards and reached the rank of Deputy Secretary in the Air Ministry in 1960.

One of the numerous changes

in machinery of government that affected aviation took him to the civil aviation side of the

Board of Trade in 1966. It was from that post that he runed across to the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications to be

come the official head of that

At the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, he enjoyed

for the first time an independent command. He brought to it a

robust leadership and confirmed his reputation for straight and practical dealing. It was a tribute to the esteem in which

he was held that he was asked immediately following his repre-

ment to represent the United

Kingdom at this year's Centen-ary Congress of the Universal Postal Union at Lausanne. He leaves a widner and two sons, and a daughter.

MR LEONARD

COTTRELL

Mr Leonard Cottrell, the author and radio and television

producer, died on Sunday at the

Born in 1913, be started his

career as a journalist. In 1942 be moved to the BBC, where for

13 years he wrote and produced:

radio documentary programmes on a wide range of subjects;

during this period he served as a war correspondent in North Africa and Italy, and speet two

years on secondment to the

on archaeology that his name is most widely known. In 1950 he published The Lost Pharaohs, which bad its genesis in a successful series of radio document.

taries which be had written and

produced. He followed this in 1953 with The Bull of Minos,

which introduced a generation to the new developments in Minoan archaeology; and in

19SS, after three years in tele-

vision, he resigned from the BBC to write and to lecture full

time, although he continued to broadcast until his last illness. At his death he had published

over 30 books here and in the United States, many of which-reached a vast addience in trans-

lation throughout the world. Cottrell used to maintain that' e was a reporter rather than

an archaeologist, but his strength

as an interpreter was in his understanding and enthusiasm

for ancient civilizations, and the experts who studied tham, and

in his ability to communicate knowledge through his own interest and excitement. It was

this combination of qualities, too, which commanded the per-

sonal affection and devotion of his many friends. "To me", he once wrote, "the past is only an extension of the present." His contribution to archaeology was to be smooth to archaeology.

was to be among the select band

of those who, at a time of in-creasing accessibility of the

Mediterranean countries, first helped to make the non-specialist aware of the debt he owed to bis heritage.

Radio Division of Unesco. It is, however, for his books,

age of 61.

Department in 1969.

Everynne whn worked with

tradition.

Sir Douglas Allen writes :---

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Concern about winter feed for Concern about winter feed for livestock was reinforced yesterday by the latest yield reports from the Ministry of Agriculture. Although wheat and barley yields were hetter at the end of last month than a year before, the unusually wet and cold weather had taken its toll.

nau taken its toll.

"Indications are that hay will be in short supply and uf poor quality", the ministry said.
"Silage, although not over-plentiful, is of generally good quality. The baling of extra straw was disappointing, as much of it was spoilt by the rain before, it entitle be earted."

That assessment comes a day

spollt by the rain before, it chains be carted."

That assessment comes a day after three compounders of manufactured animal feeds announced price rises, and on the ere of an emergency meeting of the council of the Nandonal Farmers' Unlun about falling livestock prices.

The union's Welsh headquarters in Welshpool said: "It is a dally darkening picture here. Sheer economic pressure will make many animals go hungry this trinter. Many of the cornfields would be more appropriate to paddy field country at the moment, and a third of the curn is still in be cleared.

"Thousands of acres of straw lying in the fields are being overtaken by regrowth of grass. The worst picture is on the upland farms with hay rotting on the hills."

The poor quality of some sugarance might lead to the use of beet

The poor quality of some sugar-beet might lead to the use of beet for feeding livestock instead of sigar extraction. The ministry said that at the end of last month mat at the cnd of last month sugarbeet crops in England and Wales were "poor and thin with continuing widespread virus yellows and many weeds".

But it added the continuing said and sugarbeet crops in England and wirus yellows and many weeds ".

yellows and many weeds ".

But it added that 95 per cent of cereals bad been harvested by the end of the month, and the quality of all cereal crops and of early maincrop potatoes was promising. Fodder root crops progressed well but only half of the hey crop was thought to be nf good or prime quality compared with two thirds last year.

Beyond politics: Agriculture should be removed from the party arena, Mr Tim Heywood, president of the Country Landnumers' Association, said yesterday. He wanted the next government to be advised by the Economic Development Contmittee for Agriculture, a select committee of Parliament or some other non-Parliament or some other non-

Stephenson was as usual a walkover for Mr and Mrs W. P. Maddams, Banstead, who won first prizes for three cacti, three coryphanthanae, one cereanae (a plant of 'Espostoa huamicensis', judged the best cactus in the sbow), three echinocactanae, three of the same type in 3½ lnch pois; six cacd; three eupborblas, three asclepladaceae, three conopbytums, three lithops; railway begin

From Our Correspondent

Newcastle upon Tyne

A trust may be set up to
preserve part of George Stephenson's Bowes Railway which has
closed after 148 years' operation.
The railway opened a year after
the Stockton to Darlington line but
has never been fully modernized.
It is little changed since it was
designed by Stephenson and is a
working example of the technology
of the early railway age.
The Tyne and Wear environ-

colliery to Jarrow stalths.

White Paper on land use

development.

"Are local anthorities fitted to be not just owners but agents for the development of land?" he asks.

acks.
Tax criticized: The destruction of
Britain's woodlands and an environmental catastrophe would be
started by the capital transfer tax
proposed by Mr Healey, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Royal
Forestry Society said yesterday.

Lowering age of consent opposed A proposal by the Sexual Law Reform Society to lower the age of sexual consent from 16 would do more harm than gond, General Clarence Wiseman, international

Efforts to save

From Our Correspondent

of the early railway age.

The Tyne and Wear environmental improvement committee decided yesterday to start negotiations with the National Coal Board to take over and preserve a stretch near Springwell regarded as the most interesting section. The line has been used to carry coal from the old Kibhlesworth colling to larrow staiths.

If possible, the stretch will be kept operational. The alm is to use it for leisure and educational purposes, although it may become tourist attraction

called 'sloppy'

By Our Planning Reporter
The recent White Paper on the public ownership of development land is intellectually sloppy and inadequate, according to Mr Maurice Ash, chairman of the execudive of the Town and Country Planning Association.
Writing in the association's monthly journal, Mr Ash says the White Paper fails to address Itself to the question not of how or whether development land should be publicly owned but how sncb land should be activated for development.

Clarence Wiseman, international leader of the Salvation Army, said yesterday.

The army rould not countenance other suggested changes of the law affecting rape, Incest, bomosexual activity and brothels, General Wiseman said.

£24,008. At Theiveton Hall, Diss, Norfolk, where the Phillips two-day sale of the contents realized £51,937. Hatchard's paid £1,700 for eight volumes of H. E. Dresser's History of Birds in Europe, 1871. An oil painting of pheasants in a field, by George Edward Lodge, went to Richard Green for £2,300. A sale of oriental works of art totalled £13,512 and Tau reid £700 for a small Chinese eggshell jade dish. A sale of icons, miniatures and fans totalled £6.164.

Rare species find safety

Science report Astronomy: Study of Crab nebula

group of astronnmers at in recent astronomy and theoreticester University are prepartical physics. It is the source of a preliminary V-ray map of powerful radio signal and a source of intense X-radiation. Leicester University are prepar-ing a preliminary V-ray map of the Crab nebula, one of the most important objects in the sky, from information gathered by a recket launched from Spain on Monday. The group hope to present the lirst details to a special meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society on Friday.

Observations of the nebula rame during an Anglo-German experiment in which the Leicester University team and scientists from the Max Planck Institute, at Carclanz, recorded on magnetic mpe transmissions from a large X-ray telescope carried on board 3 Skylark rocket.

The Crab nebula, which consixts of the dehris of a massive star that exploded as a supernora 920 years ago, has yielded some of the most important discoveries

For a few months the Crah Is heing occulted as the moon passes through Taurus. The occultation was visible from Spain on Monday.

allowing the rocket-borne tele-scope a few vital secunds for observation of the nebula as it disappeared behind the Mnon. Recording the gradual reduction of the X-ray signals will help the astronomers to piece together a chart similar to a contour map that should be useful in under-standing the way this enormous object generates its radio and Xray energy.

The Skylark rocket was launched

from the Arenocilla rocket range at 7.20 am BST to 200 kilometres above the atmosphere. The Crab nebula, perhaps the outstanding astronomical object in the nor-thern sky is righle as a complex optical nebulosity five light years at ross. In 1954 it was identified

as a powerful radio source from observations at Cambridge, and 10 years later an American rocket flight established it also to be an intense sourca of X-radiation. The rocket launch successfully observed the disappearance of the Crab nebula behind the Moon and the gradual reduction in its signal. The outcome should be an explanation of how the nebula is commutally reenergized by the pulsar NP0532, the spinning collapsed star at its centre.

star at its centre. star at its centre.

The rocket was bullt by the British Aircraft Corporation, at Bristol, and launched by a German team. The cost was shared by the Science Research Council and the German Ministry for Space Research. Timing Information came from the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Herstmonceux, Sussex.

By Pearce Wright Science Corerspondent in palace garden The 39-acre garden of Buckingiam Palace contains several rare recent study bas found. It dis-

species of birds, insects and plants. covered a moth, recorded nowhere else in Britain, that moved in after a Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference; a spider from France found only in the best wine cel-lars; and a blackbird that made a nest on the lawns and reared its

nest on the study will be beard in the BBC's Living World programme to be transmitted on Radio 4 on Sunday. It is the first Radio 4 on Sunday. It is the first time that a radio or television programme bas been allowed to explore the wildlife of the palace. Miss Dilys Breese, the producer. said: "There are probably three times more birds than you find in the other royal parks, a lot of rare spiders, bugs and moths, and some unusual plants including a new hybrid of the hogweed.
"One of the main reasons for the proliferation of wildlife is the fact that there are no cats in

Buckingham Palace gardens; at least we didn't see any."

The programme's host will be Mr Frederick Nutbream, the Buckingham Palace head gardener, and the findings will be discussed by Or William Bristowe, an expert on spiders, Mr David McLintock, president of the Botanical Society of the British Isles, Mr Stanley Cramp, an ornithologist, and Dr John Bradley, an expert on moths. Appeal launched: The World Wildlife Fund has launched an appeal called Save One Species, under which anyone who gives fith towards saving an endangered animal or plant will get a certificata dilustrating one of the threatened species.

The fund, which has \$20 palents.

cata illustrating one of the threatened species.

The fund, which has 839 animals
and 65 plants on its endangered
list, hopes to raise at least
£80,000.

Mrs Thea Brennan, wife of the
proprietor of the Wig and Pen
Club. London, was the first person
to give £100. Her certificate illustrates the cahow, a Bermuda seabird of which fewer than a
hundred remain.

He was married in 1940 to Doris Swain. This marriage was dissolved and he married Diana Randolph in 196S. MR WILLIAM

WOLVERSON

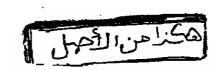
Mr William Wolverson, CB, a former Deputy Director General of the Post Office dies General of the Post Office, diea yesterday at the age of 68.

He joined the Post Office in 1928, becoming Assistant Secretary in 1946 and Regional Director of the North Western Region in 1950. A year later he was selected to become the first Commandant of a Residential Management Training Central He was then responsible for the overseas telecommunications. the overseas telecommunications services of the Post Office and for the Radio Services Department, with its BBC and ITA contacts. He represented the Post Office on the Council of the Intercent the International Telecommunications Union and served as Deputy Director General from 1960 to 196S.

Lady Macpherson has died at Great Warley, Essex. She was Dorothy Ruth, t'e daughter of the Rev Henry Coulter and she married the second Lord Macpherson of Drumochter in 1947.



The Crown Jewellers



By Christopher Wilkins
Banking Correspondent
Pressure oo banks to step up
their lending to maoufacturing

tors, demands on the banks May were reduced as a result of a Juna sbift in short-term money mar- July ket rates during the period, which made it cheaper for some large companies to fund through these toarkets than

from their banks.

As a result, the only categories to have increased their borrowings were agriculture sod

considerable leeway to step up their lending activity within the The increase in interest-bearing deposits of the Loodon baoks over their base levels rose ing September was a reduction during the month by a mere of £125m in the foreign cur-

tions of 1! per ceot. This means that their intake of new deposits has risen by 8.7

rers	to £75,000
	By Our Financial Staff Profitability at Chryaler
	tbe Bridsh subsidiary of American motor manufact almost disappeared in the
BANK FIGURES	half of this year. Profits from £6.9m to only £75,0

Profitability at Chryaler UK, be British subsidiary of the merican motor manufacturer. almost disappeared in the first half of this year. Profits fell from 56.9m to only \$75,000— and the company places the blame largely on an industry-wide drop in vehicle sales. The following are the figures for eligible liabilities and reserve asset ratios of United Kingdom banks ralessed by the Bank of

first half

It added that prospects were bleak for the rest of the year. Cootinuing labour disruptions, the bigh rate of inflation and the "severe decline" in the United Kingdom car market were responsible.

Chrysler UK, which is now wholly owned by Cbrysler Corporatioo, said that the reintroduction of bire purchase controls and the general economic climate cut domestic industry registration of part corporations. dustry registration of new cars by 21.5 per cent and those of commercial vehicles by 24.4 per cent in the first half.

Chrysler UK's overall sales of cars and commercial vebi-cles fell by 21 per cent to nearly 181,000 units while in the British market tha fall was of nearly 22 per cent, to just under 108,000 units. Exports

rose and their value increased from £43m to £49.7m.

However, the "change in sales between domestic and export (markets) had an adverse effect on profitability. as did the unprecedented rise in costs", said Chrysler. Overall sales rose in value by 3 per cent to £166m.

The repeal of legislation on pay in July "significantly in-creased the level of the compaoy's 197475 wage settle-ments" and only a part of this extra cost was recoverable. These and other factors were having a "material effect on the company's results for the second balf of the year." 7,000 back to work, page 22

By Our Industrial Editor

election.

The need for "a major exteo-

sion of public ownership" and greater use of public funds for direct investment in industry

is emphasized by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Industry, in an article

published on the eve of the

Mr Benn stresses: "Large-

scale state investment is required in industry and this

must be accompanied by full

Industrial decline, be argues,

present system of government assistance to private industry,

given at the rate of £2m a day.

money more directly so as to ensure that the necessary

re-equipment and expansion of industry gets under way," Mr

Writiog in the official journal

of the Technical, Administrative

and Supervisory Section of the

AUEW, Mr Benn defends bis proposals for a system of

look at corporate plans along-side macagement and the

There is now on ureent need to invest government

public accountability."

Mr Benn spells out

nationalization plans

Benn adds.

A major extension of state
ownership was a main principle
underlying Labour's proposals
for industry. The other was
democratic accountability.
Writing in the official journal

placoing agreements covering investing state funds, the board top private companies. Trade would be expected to earn union representatives would profits for the taxpayer.

M & S chief attacks profits slump 'state interference'

By John Whitmore
Marks & Spencer, which yesterday reported a marginal increase in first balf pre-tax profits to £35.3m and a massive £222m surplus thrown up by a revaluation of group properties, bas attacked "misguided inter-ference" in the retail trade by the State. The company had decided to scale down its deve-

lopment programme.
"Retailing", writes Sir
Marcus Sieff, chairman, in the marcus Neri, charman, in the company's half year report, performs a major role in the chain of production and distribution. We cooperate with whatever Government is in office, but some ministers and their advicers do not seem to their advisers do not aeem to appreciate the significant con-tributions which a bealthy end competitive retail iodustry make in stemming the rise in the cost of living. We are not belped in this task hy misguided interference."

Sir Marcus says that the Government criticizes the private sector for its failure to invest, but omits to explain that much iovestment is finaoced out of profits-profits that are sub-ject to politically-motivated res-

In the case of Marks & Spencer the effect of present gov-ernment policy has been to reduce substantially the atoount of money available for new developments. As a result capi-tal spending this year will be cut back to about £20m from the £28m originally envisaged. The ioctease in pre-tax profits was achieved on e 221 per cent sales rise to £361m. It bas not yet been decided how much of the surplus arising from the March property re-valuation (giving a total pro-perty value of £444m) should he incorporated to the group

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their views oo corporate plans

cao be put forward before the

plans are firmly adopted and put loto action."

Government bad to he in-volved io industry if it was to

do its duty by the electors. Labour's proposals that key com-

panies should discuss their forward plans with the Govern-

ment on a regular basis were "obviously sensible". But the success of planning agreements depended as much on the part

played by trade unioo represen-

Mr Beno says the creation of a National Shipbuilding Corpora-tion would make possible a start

on a loog-term plan to regain

the industry's lost market sbare.

was concerned, "the risks of major contraction are immi-nent." Full public ownership

extend public ownership. It would be set up to operate with the flexibility of a private company by purchasing subsidiaries,

engaging in joint ventures, and establishing new companies. In

"Anxieties about unemployment, the fact that important

companies are turning to gov-

ernment for financial support, and the effects of inflation erod

ing the value of wages and salaries, indicate the urgency of

tackling the problems of British manufacturing industry", Mr

As far as the aircraft industry

nationaliza

ratives as on civil servants.

Disaster is threatening the food trade, Lord Trenchard says

By Hugh Clayton

Disaster threatened the food industry, Lord Trenchard, president of the Instituta of Grocery Distribution, said last night. He saw the imminent danger of a flood of bankrupries which could overwhelm the industry and lead to severe shortages and price rises.

He told 700 executives from the industry at an institute dinner in London that the public did not appreciate that companies needed profitability. He did not expect the annual rate of food price inflation to be much less than 20 per cent in the foreseeable future.

"I am amoog those traders who believe that with the backlog of costs now pressing on the

who believe that with the backlog of costs now pressing oo the
floodgates it is likely to be
worse." Lord Trencbard, who
is a director of Unilever, added:
"So the public will press Government to hold down prices
even more."

In one of the bleakest assessments to emerge from the indus-

ments to emerge from the induswere of overriding importance to the public.

Yet the most important

thing from the point of view of the food industry is to be allowed to develop loog term policies with major lovest-ments if the coosumer is not to pay much more for food in a few years' time."

Eliminatioo of traditional food industry margins of 3 per cent for manufacturers and less than 2 per cent for retailers would make a very minor con-tribution to the fight against

"Profit bas wrongly been e dirty word", he said. "With the present rate of food price inflation it has becotoe a mis-

Insolvency

on Franklin

Washington, Oct 8.—The Comptroller of the Currency today declared Franklin National Bank insolvent and

appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

The FDIC moved immediately to accept bids from several leading New York banks to buy certain assets and assume all of

the deposit liabilities of the

insolvent hank, the comptroller

European-American Bank and

Trust Company, a federally-insured New York state chartered institution owned by

six large European banks, was the wicoing bidder, the comp-

district of New York, European-

morrow morning et the regular

The Cotoptroller said that all

depositors in Franklin, which is a unit of Franklin New York

Decline in new

New car sales in September totalled 105,000 according to provisional figures released last

night by the Department of Industry. This is a decline of 22 per ceot on the August registration figure of 134,000 although in seasonally adjusted

terms, the department records

a 4 per ceot iocrease over the

Weekly average production in United Kingdom car factories last month fell by 25 per ceot to 20,200 against the 26,775

ruling

as receiver.

rroller said.

banking hours.

car sales

two months.

leading deficition of non-existent paper wealth. A paper profit, before tax, of £6m on £100m turnover can mean a physical cash losa to a food

company.

" Of course, chairmen of food companies announce higher profits and claim that all is well profits and claim that all is well to reassure investors. What else can they say: thet balf the profit is bogus, that their cash outflow is appalling end that inflation and price control are eroding their companies resources and trading capacity?

"My bope is that greater public understanding of the effect of inflation oo industry may lead to a national policy which brings to an end the continuing secrifice of reality at the alter of short-term political impression."

The industry's longer-term view was given earlier by Mr Tim Fortescue, secretary-general the Food and Drink Iodustries Council.

He said et the council's Londoo beadquarters: "We ought to be taking a long, hard look at bow Britain is going to

"It's the first time in peacetime for 100 years, probably since the repeal of the Corn Laws, that this present situation bas occurred. There is no chean food left: it's e case of world population outstripping food

It was essential to expand research into new protein sources for animal feeds as well as ensuring secure food processing and agricultural industries at home. "If farmers make

wholesalers was a infinitely worse than that of food manufacturers came from Mr Keith Jamieson, chairman of Allianca Wholesale Grocers, one of the largest cash-and-carry groups in the country.

He said at his group conference in Monte Carlo that he expected further contraction in the wholesale trade this war.

the wholesale trade this year.

"The wholesale sector of the grocery trade traditionally operates on an extremely low net margin, ludicrously small compared with almost all other industries.

"The only solution for the

"The only solution for the delivered wholesale business is to trim stocks and trim services.

My prediction is that for many
this will prove insufficient."

Malcolm Brown writes:
Britain's economic situation was

extremely dangerous but not yet disastrous, Sir Frank Fig-gures, former chairman of the Pay Board, said in London yes-

terday.

"The risks are grave hut they are not comparable to whet we faced 35 years ago," Sir Frank rold a lunch of the Association was probably true to say that the international of Engineering Distributors. It the international economic scene was more dangerous now than it had been in a quarter of e century.

"It is a very dangerous world. It is going to demand great deal of caution and good sense to keep it on an even keel."

There were et least four

grave and interlocking prob-lems to be solved—the threat of world-wide recession, the at home. "If farmers make fortunes, then good luck to them in my view."

A warning that the plight of and finally infletion.

Loophole found to avoid ACT surcharge

By John Plender Financial Correspondent The advance corporation tax surcharge introduced in Mr Healey's Budget earlier this year may not bear as heavily oo industrial liquidity as was

During the past few weeks a number of companies have rearranged their dividend dates. The purpose is to defer payment of the dividend so that the due date for advance corporation tax (ACT) falls outside the fiscal year to March 31, 1975. The ACT surcharge, equal to one-balf of the normal ACT payment, has only been imposed for

ment, has only been imposed for that year.
Fears that industry may face an acute cash crisis in the first balf of next year have led to pressure for the relaxation or ebolition of the surcharge. It appears, however, that the Finance Act leaves scope for legitimate avoidance. The opportunity to avoid the.

surcharge arises for companies that woold normally have paid a dividend between now and the new year. ACT is payable 14 days after the quarter in which the dividend payment is made. the dividend payment is made. A cotopany paying a dividend in November, for example, would therefore pay over ACT at this year's rate of 33/57ths of the net dividend on January 14. Because the duedate, January 14, is within the fiscal year to March 31, 1975, the ACT surcharge would also become payeble on the same date.

However, if the same company defers its dividend until January, the due date would be April 14. Since this falls outside the fiscal year in which the curchage it applies he surcharge is applicable, the surcharge does not apply. Yesterday the Inland Revenue confirmed that e dividend paid after January 1 would not attract the surcharge.

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· Wbether companies can take advantage of this apparent loophole depends largely on their customary pattern of dividend payments. Since the surcharge applied retrospectively to dividends paid in the first quarter of 1974, it is possible that many groups will have slready paid up on both interim and final dividends. In addi-tion difficulties over the printing of the Finance Act bave probably made tax planning harder.

Savings from dividend deferment are utilitiely to be material for industry as a whole in relation to the rising cost of replacing stocks. Nor does deferment actually reduce the tax bill in money terms. More-over, marginal companies for whom the liquidity crisis poses a dangerous threat would he unlikely to pay a dividend in

Deferment is, bowever, likely to remove the cost of financing the additional advance payment of tax. In addition, the corporareal terms as a result of infla-

This is the second time that sortium for work related to the laying of a pipeline at Firths Voe, in the Shetland Islands. companies have bed an opportunity to reduce the hurden of taxation in recent years by adjusting dividend payment dates. Significant concessions of the same kind were also Land and Marine Engineering. available on the changeover tothe imputation system of cor-poration tex. It is oot clear at this stage, however, whether deferment was envisaged by the Government when the Finance Act was drafted Financial Editor, page 23

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Forties oil field costs increasing rapidly

The cost of developing the Forties field in the North Sea. which should reach peak production of 400,000 barrels a day in three years' time, is rising

Mr Quentin Morris, finance coordinator of British Petro-leum, said yesterday that the total rost of developing the BP field would be far higher than the last published figure of \$1,250m (about £543.Sm).

Addressing a Financial Times

Addressiog a Financial Times conference on world energy finance in London, he declined to disclose BP's letest cost estimate for the field, although stimates hy industry sources of between \$1,500m and \$2,000m are thought to be on the high

Subject to the approval of the district court for the eastern

equivalent cost e few years ago, and more than 20 rimes as high as the equivalent cost in Saudi Arabia, estimated et between \$200 to \$300. According to Mr Morris, the cost of developing all the fields which bave been confirmed so

three times higher than the

far in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea to provide a peak production of 2.7 million barrels a day in 1980, will be about \$20,000m. To develop speculatively maximum estimated finds might cost as much as \$60,000m, he suggested, giving a peak production of 4.1 million berrels dails in 1984. million barrels daily in 1984. He estimated that the total

side. Mr Morris said that the cost American Bank will reopen Franklin's banking offices toof developing the field, if it had

smount if a 10 per cent inflation rate was assumed.

capital needs of the oil industry

in the 15 years to 1985 would be

about 5770,000m-or twice that

Venezuela oil takeover soon Draft proposals for the nation-dization of the Venezuelan oil trolling the activities of at least four other concerns. four other concerns.

industry are expected to be submitted to Señor Carlos Andres
Perez, the President, this week placed a contract with a con-

Corporation, will automatically become depositors of the purchasing bank, which will elso assume existing liabilities to trade creditors of Franklin According to reports from According to reports from Caracas yesterday the draft takeover plan would involve the setting up of a holding company and 10 other companies to
operate the industry once it has
been taken into state control.
Venezuela is the fifth largest
oil-producing country and the
third largest oil exporter.

The industry is largely operated by Sbeil, Exxon, Gulf, Texaco, Mobil and other companies including Sun Oil, which operate under a system of oil concessions. They produce about 95 per cent of the country's oil.

The preparation of the draft proposals has been underway since March and has been carried out by a special commit-

tee set up by the President. When be announced its terms

Westmiaster Dredging and the Rock Fall company will be involved in the preparation of the see bed in the erea to enable the laying of a feeder pipeline within the Brent system. It will have the laying of a feeder pipeline within the Brent system. It will be the laying of a feeder pipeline within the Brent system. heve a capacity of 1 million barrels a day serving the Brent, Cormorant, Dunlin, Hutton and Thistle fields.

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recorded in the same period of last year. Total output in September was 101,000 cars compared with 133,87S in September, 1973.

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INTERIM STATEMENT

Interim Report **FPA CONSTRUCTION GROUP LIMITED**

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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. R. A. PALFREYMAN

The decline in Group trading profits is attributable to two main factors. Firstly, Group results usually follow an uneven pattern arising from our accounting policy of including profits on contracts only at the time of physical completion and, secondly, the current difficulties in the property and housing markets.

The effect of problems being experienced in the property and housing sectors has restricted our planned growth and, whilst house sales ere reasonably satisfactory, they are running at a lower level than was antisipated. Similarly, our running at a lower level them was anticipated. Similarly, our property development activities have been restricted and this has resulted in a reduced anticipated profit from this source. The contracting side of the business of which fifty per cent is for statutory authorities, is working at record levels and our order books are sufficiently strong to support this level of activity through 1975. Orders are still being received at realistic prices and we are satisfied as to their profitability providing inflationary costs are held at reasonable levels. The Pitchmeatic division is very much on course and will make a similar contribution to last year.
Whilst forecasting in these days is a bazardous occurration. Whilst forecasting in these days is a hazardous occupation, our schedule of antidipated contract completions and level

of current activity suggest that, subject to unforeseen circumstances, the trading profits for the second half of this year-will comfortably exceed the £276,000 reported for tha second helf of 1973.

The Board is declaring an interim dividend of 4% net (compared with 3.675% net paid last year) to be paid on 26th November. 1974 to Shareholders registered at the close of business on 25th Cosher. 1975. 25th October, 1974.

Demand for bank Chrysler's loans by manufactu has eased

England today:

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further expansioo.

mitted ceiling of 12.5 per ceot, allowing considerable scope for

Last month sterling deposits with the London clearers by

United Kingdom residents rose by £110m to £20,139m, while

those with Scottisb clearers rose by £42m to £1,965m.

A contributory factor to the increase was the fall in short-

term money toarket rates which

made the terms offered by banks

on deposits of more than £10,000 look relatively more attractive. The banks' reserve ratios also

remain healthy. From an overall 13.4 per cent io August, they rose to 13.6 per cent, within

which the Londoo clearers' ratios were up from 13.0 to 13.3

currency deposits has been very rapid, showing an increase of almost a third to £8,739m

this year.
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A ootable development dur-

per cent.

their lending to maoufacturing companies, which had been building up during July and August, eased back significantly during September.

Figures from the London clearing banks show a drop in sterling advances to United Kingdom residents of £137m to £14,870m during the four weeks to September 18.

This follows a similar fall Juring August, but whereas the August decline was lower than would normally be expected at that time of year, the September iecline appears to have been sharper.

sharper.
In addition to seasonal fac-

vehicls manufacturers.
But while the figures may

disguise the true rise in borrowing demand, the lower level of odvances has served to ease the pressure on the clearing hanks et e time wheo fears were mounting about whether companies would be able to meet their soaring financing needs through the banking system. For the momeot at least it is clear that the banks have

present framework of cootrols. 0.4 per cent against a maximum reocy deposits held by the permitted without penalty under London clearers. Hitherto the the so-called "corset" regulae expansion in their total foreigo

per cent from the base level so far this year against a per-

Norwegian group cancels £160m order for tankers

Orders for four huge oil riseo steadily and order books tankers estimated to cost about £160m have been caocelled by ened. the Norwegian Aker group, orders for bigher tanker ton-

last autumn tanker sizes had As owners rushed to place

The vessels were ordered by Mr Hilmar Reksten, tha Norwegian ship owner, last year when he upgraded orders for four 250,000 ton deadweight ships into four of 420,000 tons deadweight to be built by the Aker group.

The cancellation, which appears to have been initiated at the shipsuilding aroun on the resale market—but with little success.

appears to have been initiated by the shipbuilding group on agreement with Mr Reksten is likely to be followed by other such cases in the oext few months.

Sioce the Arab oil emhargo. Sioce the Arab oil emhargo. Iauncbed last year, and the quadrupling of oil prices plas plans for reopening the Suez Canal, the tanker iother than the following the succonsider the future of large oil tankers. Before the crisis of more than 400,000 toos deadweight. Instead, the cotopany said that it would concentrate increasingly oo special plant for the oil industry.

Energy talks with Arabs

INTERIM STATEMENT

BRITISH ROLLMAKERS

CORPORATION LTD.

(Rollmakers, Manufacturers and Distributors of Engineers' Tools)

Order position good

his interim statement, the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Dodd, reported

to Group made a good recovery in the second quarter from the

rious effects of the three day week whan profits were minimal.

ne way towards meeting higher costs.

Unaudited interim figures.

dividand ectua

Profit before tax
Profit after tax
Net profit attributable to

e Roll Division's export orders exceeded home orders for the first

e order position in both Roll Division and Machine Tool Equipment

rision is good and price increases which have bean approved go

second half ahould be at least comparable with the second half of

73, in which case the Directors would recommand an unchanged

Copies of the full interim statement may be obtained from:

Sacratary, The British Rallaugkers Corporation Ltd., Westen Bond, Crewe, CWI 102.

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26 weeks to 30th Juna

1973

£6,721,000 £769,000

£368,000

1974

£7,213,000

£239,000

ng Couotries (OAPEC) have greed to bave regular cootacts

uits of a friendly first meeting at the commission's Brus-

Brussels, Oct 8.—The European Simonet and M Claude Chey-Commission and the Organiza-ioo of Arab Petroleum Export policy and development co-

operation respectively.

M Simonet explained the id to exchange technical inrmation and Dr Attiga explained both
This decision was one of the
ruits of a friendly first meet trial and financial projects of of a friendly first meeting at the commission's Brusels heedquerters between Drustia Artiga, OAPEC's secretary in the commission's relative and two members of e commission, M Henri Hen

Government.
"Those who work in a company must be understood to have as touch, or more, of e real stake in that coorpany as mere sharebolders or even the Government," be explains.
Our proposal is that manage-Government," "Our proposal is that manage ments in the top companies and nationalized industries should open the books and tell the employees the full facts so that

Forecast of steep rise in public spending

The public sector borrowing requirements this year may rise to £4,850m, considerably in excess of the £2,733m forecast published by the Treasury at the time of the March Budget, according to a special edition of the monthly Monetary Bulletin published by W. Greenwell & Co, the stockbrokers. The expenditure forecasis were re-vised to £3,803m to take account of measures introduced up to and including July.

"We are perturbed", the ulletin says, "about what Bulletin says, "about what appears to be bappening to the Exchequer's fioancial position".

It is estimated that the effect of inflation will cause the gap between the Government's excenditure and revenue to widen. "Fiscal drag"—or the ten-deocy for tax payments to rise deocy for tax payments to rise faster than money income because of upward migration through tax brackets—should not belp, because it applies only to direct personal taxation. Many indirect taxes are levied in absolute amounts

Government expeoditure, meanwhile, is thought to have risen steeply because of rising wage costs. Greenwells

wage costs. Greenwells assumes that it will be 25 per cent higher in the 1974/75 fiscal year than in the 1973/74 Letters Causes for concern, page 23

How the markets moved

Rises

GKN 5p to 147p
Hawker Sidd 10p to 184p
Joriel 1p to 7p
Lawdon 1p to 8p
Marston 3p to 25p
Stand'd & Chart 15p to 180p
Sun Alliance 6p to 218p Ass Pt Coment Barclays Bk Courtaulds Distillers Dunlop Hidgs EMI 6p 10 9tp 5p to 145p 22p to 7tp 32p to 38p 5p to 32p 4p to 30p 7p to 162p Hawker Sidd Joviel Lawdon Falls

10p to 245p 10p to 135p 20p to 140p 7p to 133p 1p to 12p 13p 10 122p 4p to 56p Bracken Mioes Brit Sugar Cons Tin Dawson & Erfs Glanfield Secs Grattan W'bse

On other pages

Financial Editor

Fioancial news

Business appointments

Egoitles improved in thio trading. Gill-edged securities were quiet. Sterling closed at \$2.3345 vesterday, down 15 points on the day. Gold fell by \$1\cdot\ vesterday to \$155\cdot\ SDR—\(\xi\) as 1.196\(\xi\) on Tuesday while \$DR—\(\xi\) was 0.50998\(\xi\).

2p to 26p 10p to 140p 4p to 34p 2p to 30p 8p to 97p 25p to 430p 2p to 30p Myson Group Nelson Fin Portfollo Int Rotork Sunley, B. Welkom Welkom

Commodities: The Loodon daily sugar price reached a fresh "high" of £380 yesterday. Reuters' commodity index fell by 10.1 points to 1,246.9.

Rates for bank notes only, as supplied vestorialy by Barclays Bank international Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' chaques and other foreign currency business.

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ioe) STORY WITH THE FACTORY OF WASSESSELLING

ta

gets £5m

Rail order

Transport Correspondent

locomotives negently needed by British Rail for increased coal

approved the deal, British Rail

said yesterday, because it was the only way to get the locomo-

tives in time to meet excep-tional demands for coel traffic

in the next 12-18 months. This

Government

British

By Michael Baily

transport

from Romania.

7,000 back

at Chrysler

The immediate problems of

The sbutdowns were caused by engine shortages at the

Ryton, Coventry, plant, where 5,000 workers had to he laid off, and hy a walknut of 2,000 meo at the Linwood, Renfrewshire, assembly line who abjected to management plans to reallocate work to cover gaps caused.

cate work to cover gaps caused

by beavy absenteeism.

The 320 key toolroom

workers, whose strike last week caused the shutdown of

Chrysler's ceotral engines fac-

tory at Stoke, Coventry, are back at work peoding the our-come of an inquiry by the Arbitration and Conciliation Service into their claim for a

second pay increase only three mooths after their last wages settlement. They say their earnings have fallen about £5 a week below the toolroom average in the Coventry area.

Three-day week: One of

Britain's largest car component

companies has put more than 1,500 workers on short time,

Some are down to a three-day week. Wilmot Breeden, of

Birmingham, blames strikes in

the motor industry and the "general economic situation". The sbort time bas been introduced at plants in Tyseley and Stirchley which make

door and window parts.

to work

By R. W. Shakespeare

were all hack at work.

wo-year guarantee for BLMC jobs Romania

ik and bus division yesterday as cars—and at the very heavy sounced thet the jobs of his end are still remarkebly good 2000 strong labour force —there are fears of a recession in polyged in 15 factories next year. More and more nployed in 15 factories broughout the country are safe for at least two years.

Despite the gloomy predict of orders. tions coming from some of his competitors, be said be would competitors, be said be would at the diamond jubilee celebra-have no difficulty in selling tions of Guy Motors, the every vehicle be could produce group's Wolverbampton-based every vehicle be could produce for the next two years. "Our confidence is sbown by the fact that we in truck and bus will be spending £30m during the next year to remove production bottlenecks and increase nutput. During the next five years we intend to increase our output by more than 60 per

Mr Ellis's buoyancy provides a much needed shot in the arm for some sections of the com-

Rothschild

quit Israel

Paris, Oct 8.—Baron Edmond de Rothschild was threatening to withdraw his financial ioter-

ests from Israel after irregulari-

ties in an Israel investment company of which be is chair-man, one of his senior associates

said today. The Freoch banker was ex-

pected to attend an emergency meeting of the board of direc-

meeting of the board of directors of the company, the Israel Corporation, in Israel on Sunday, the associate, who declined to be named, added.

Baron de Rothschild's move follows the dismissal of Mr Sichael Tzur, the Israel Corporation director.

coration's managing director.

managerial responsibilities after unauthorized deposits of cor-

poration funds in companies associated with Mr Tibor Rosenbaum, the Swiss financier, which were said to be running

into financial difficulties, the

associate said.

Mr Haim Bar Lev, the actiog
Israeli Fioance Minister,
annouoced oo Sunday that a
treasury check had been ordered

into whether the corporation broke any laws by depositing funds in financial institutions

associated with Mr Rosenbaum.

to boost Israel's economic devel-

opment and attract foreign in-

vestment arose out of a confer-ence held by Jewish busioess leaders and financiers in Jeru-

Baron de Rothschild, wbo has

only a 6 per cent interest but

has from the outset been its

chairman, has several other major financial interests in

The transactions between the corporation and the Rosenbaum

companies consisted of short-

term interim deposits amounting to about 58.5m (about

mittee of the board", the Roths-

main sbareholder of the Geneva-based International Credit Bank,

INTERIM STATEMENT

Consolidated Commercial

Company Limited

INTERIM STATEMENT

13.7m

683,100 12,7001

680,400

269.000

203,300

£ 11.6m

309,500

531,000 207,500

738,500

110,400

333,000 60,400 15,900

247,700 101,300

146,400 34,709 (Debut 35,200

child associate said.

Group Turnover Group Trading Profits Food Division U.K

Non Food Division (loss)

Group Profit before Taxation

Head Office Expenses and Interest (net) less Investment Income

Group Profit after Taxation Profit attributable Minority Interests Pre-acquisition Profits

Net Proble attributable Members* Extraordinary items

Dividend 4.43% net-(1973: 4.41% net) Net Prolit per Share*

1975, absorbing £36,837 (1973: £33,189.)

charges is not expected to be seen until 1975.

Adjustment to Non Food Division profit (1973)

Rased on average capital employed of ESS1,153 11973 : 1703,500) and prior to Extraordinary Hems.

••1973 Non Food Elivision trading profit has been reduced by £192,800 from £207,500 to £14,700 resulting from an uncompleted property sale. The after tax adjustment is £101,300.

Group Profit before taxation for the six months ended 30th June, 1974, amounted to \$420,400 (1973: \$435,300 after a prior year

adjostment of £192,800.) Net profit attributable to Members and

prior to Extraordinary floms amounted to 5203,300 (1973: 5146,400

after adjustment), giving net profit per share of 4.89n. An interim

dividend of 4.43°, (1973: 4.41°,) is declared payable 7th Jaouary,

Sharehniders will have onted from the 1973 Chairman's Statement

that the Non Food filvision is not to be expanded and proceeds of realisations will be invested in the Food Division. The Gross

Assets tovolved in the Noo Food Divisioo are now less than 25°, of Group Assets and they would have been less had a property

sale effected in February, 1973, been completed by the purchaser.

Noo completion of this transaction has resulted in a reduction

nf profits for 1973 of £101,300 after tax and in that the profit

was " earned" in a terminal division. Reserves have been drawn

on to enmpeosate. A portion has since been resold advaotageously.

A sobstantial development programme for the Food Divisino has

nnw beco completed and we have seen the benefits for some

proceeds of realisations of the net assets of the Non Food Division. The Initial results can be seen in the appreciable increase in Trad-

ing Profits from the Food Division. A positive effect on interest

An Interim Dividend has been declared which would equate the

luterim and final dividends after considering the maximum

mooths of a positive cash flow which will be enhanced by the

salem in 1968.

The corporation, whose aim is

Mr Tzur was relived of his

threat to

baulage companies are taking vehicles off the road for lack

Mr Ellis, who was speaking beavy truck builder, said that even if there was a recession in the United Kingdom and Europe be could divert output In this respect British Ley-land was io a more fevourable

Lennep, the Secretary General of the Organization for

Development, today urged in-

creased consultations among in-

dustrial countries on fighting inflation and balancing the

He described the present eco-

nomic slowdown as a "cooling-off period". It bad been

expected and was desirable after

the 1973 boom bad caused ex-

But he added that it was

a cumulative downturn.
Mr van Lennep is in Tokyo

for the 10th enniversary of Japan's admission to the OECD,

Communist iodustrial covotries and bas its headquarters in

Computer now

in Leicester

groups major non-

expansion in seven OECD countries, he

cessive

Economic Cooperation

against inflation

and

ifford Webb mercial vehicle iodustry, tries. These were all highly Ron Ellis, managing Although commercial sales bave industrialized economies and tor of British Leylaod's not suffered to the same exteot whetever economic ailments and bus division yesterday as cars—and at the very heavy depressed one would depress

another.
"We on the other band sell two-thirds of our exports outside Europe, to countries like Iran where they are crying out for as many trucks as they can get their hands on .. be declared.

Referring to Guy's increasingly important role in British Leyland, he said be bad been criticized for not pushing through a major retionalization involving shutting smaller subto Middle East and Far East sidiaries such as Guy, AEC and countries, which were "crying out" for trucks and buses. sidiaries such as Guy, AEC and Scammell and conceotrating that out" for trucks and buses. entira operation on a new green field site adjoining the main commercial vehicle plant at

Addressing a luncheon meet-

ing, he said the OECD outlook had forecast a slight economic

we are in for a tough time then it will be those companies with flexibility to react quickly to changing markets which will come out on top."

At present Guy concentrate

mainly on trucks and buses for the home market and this allows the bigger volume plants to tackie exports.

Dearer tyres: Goodyear and Firestone, two of Britain's largest tyre manufacturers, are to put up their prices from

The rises follow the continuing increase in the cost of raw materials, particularly oil-based synthetic rubber, and recent threshold wage psyments.

Goodyear car and truck tyres go up by an average of 7.1 per position than many of its European competitors who sent 50

But those critics ahow bow rise by 3 per cent. Firestone's reighbouring European counbusiness. It lives on flexibility increase by 7 and 8 per cent

Nations urged to unite Christmas whisky supply fears

By David Young Union officials will today meet shop stewards from several whisky distilleries and bottling plants in the west of Scotland in ao effort to eod a series of

Officials of the unions involved, the General and Municipal Workers' Union and the Transport and General Workers' Union, have advised the workers to return to work so that nego

the immediate problems of the motor industry eased sig-nificantly yesterday with a resumption of car assembly operations at Chrysler's Coveoury and Scottish plants. The 7,000 idle on Monday hecause of strikes and lay-offs Worst hit by the dispute is the Distillers Company, although workers producing. Johnnie Walker, its main blend, are not involved in the dispute.

The company's Dewars, White Horse and Haig blends are affected with 3,640 workers on strike out of a total labour force of 7,800. Some workers have been on strike for more than two weeks, others for only a few

days.

The dispute is over annual wage claims, normally dealt with in August but postpooed until the Phase Three pay regulations were lifted. The workers bave so far rejected offers of between 23.8 per ceot and 31.5 per cent. They are seeking increases in line with those already accepted by skilled maintenance workers The Distillers Company said that so far it bad been able to meet deliveries out of stock.

Tariff cuts aid to **UK** exporters

Brussels, Oct 8.—British, Irish and Danish exporters will benefit from a series of tariff reductions which the European Community is expected to iotro-duce on trade between the six founder member countries and the three newcomers.

The move, in response to a request from Britain's Department of Trade, will affect nearly 40 industrial and agricultural products. Between Jaouary 1, 1974, and July 1, 1977, the reductions are expected to be worth a total of f.1.37m.

Wilmot Breeden supplies Ford, British Leyland and Chrysler which bave been or still are involved in industrial

Canberra, Oct 8.—Australia posted its third successive

in July.

The Bureau of Statistics said

in Septemher, 1973. Imports were valued at \$A732m, compared with \$A756m io August and \$A412m in Septemher, 1973. For the quarter ended September 30 there was a trade deficit of \$A188m

For a free service this would surely be too much to expect! I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, G. A. ROBINSON, 9 Fountains Way, Formby, Lancashire.

£14m Australian deficit last month

monthly deficit in its overseas trading account for September. The deficit of \$A25m (about £14m) followed deficits of \$A105m in August and \$A58m

September exports were valued at \$A707m, compared with \$A651m in August and \$A528m

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

either the hardship and disrup-

tion to society inherent in legal restraint, or the uncertainty and

improbability of non-specific

agreements such as the Social

Wage Claim Banking works

All thresbold agreements and

or times on the same of the sa

dirional absolute increase) can

be freely negotiated, agreed through existing procedures.

and met. But they cannot be paid direct to employees already on the standard rate of

Tha money is paid, weekly

or moothly, into a savings hank on the employee's bebalf. After six months from the award

date, the employee has the right to draw all or part of the

first six months' rise, with the deduction of the standard rate

of tax. The second six months' money is still untouchable until

the and of the second period.

If ha waits a year, the first

From Mr Andrew Chapman

Sir, I read io Business News

(August 19) that the building

societies are against linking the rate they pay their investors to the cost of living because it would mean more expensive mortgages. Well, while I agree with their analysis of the effect.

that such a linking would have,

I totally disagree with the uoderlying semiments.

Surely huilding societies pro-

fess to be a three way partner-ship between the society, its iovestors, and its horrowers. But under the present condi-

tioos this is, in fact, a most unequal partnership with the in-vestors very beavily subsidizing the borrowers. Is this right?

Now it might be said that if only we could cure inflation then this would solve every.

thing. Indeed, this is exactly what the huilding societies are

saying. But if one is realistic

then we must recognize that in-flation will be with us for the

From the Hon Mrs M Lane

Sir, For the past three weeks

we have been unable to tele-

phooe France from the Peter-

borough area: operators say

they cannot accept calls to France because of an industrial

Supervisors in both the Lon-

don and Peterborough areas are sympathetic and opologetic.

They state they do not under-

stand the reason for this ban, nor why certain areas such as

Leicester and Brighton have been singled out for punitive treatment. One or two of them

dispute.

Building society rate to investor

reduction in tax (say a third off the standard rate). If he

waits the full period of two years, or maybe two and a half years, the first six months

mopey is tax free. The process

is continuing. Each wage award

before by "account number

so compound arithmetic is

The main objective is to

cusure higher wages lead to increased consumption only from those who need it and not

from those who have a saving

Administratively, this system would throw a heavy hurden oo

any existing agency (ie, the Savings Bank) or one specially formed by the Government, as well as pay roll departments low

employing organizations. However, this disadvantage must be

weighed in relation to the immeasurable benefit to the economy that "banking could achieve. There are also sub-

Therefore, it is unly correct that the huilding societies should take immediate measures

themselves to restore the bal-ance between its investors and

borrowers, instead of awaiting magical cures for inflation which

While the ideal of "private home ownership" remains very worthy, is it not time for the

worthy, is it not time for the management of the building societies to consider more fairly

the interests of the hundreds of

thousands of small savers who themselves bave no prospect of

ever obtaining a mortgage, and yet are being led to subsidize

others who at least have some opportunity of a home of their

The whole debate surround

ing the interest rates of the

formation which might bely

them in their efforts to contact their busioess associates on

families in France, and thus avoid inordinate loss of time.

At present, we are merely told to dial the appropriate code (156) and wait patiently.

We hear the ringing tone for

about half an bour aod are then generally cut off, nr, if we are lucky, told that there are no

calls to France until further

notice. One operator, in fact, advised me to go to Looden

where operators will accept calls, or direct dialling is pos-sible.

balanced in this way.

26 Devonport Strcct,

Stepney, London, El.

ANDREW CHAPMAN,

Yours sincerely.

OWH 5

Plugging into the French connexion

are just not going to appear.

sidiary advantages. RICHARD TAIT.

Allen Street, W8.

avoided.

capacity.

separated from the one

Major block to cooperation on wages

Contract.

as follows:

cooperation with pay restraint policies is not so much a disraste of immediate self sacrifice, but the very reasonably beld fear of forever falling behind in

be more ready compliance with ways and means of withholding the buying power they repre-sent. In developing this thought, bere is a concept based on an acceptance of the following: 1, Ahsolute wage and salsry increases io major sectors of employment are inevitably and unavoidably inflationsry. 2. The freedom of action in our

demeod" and "underproducti-vity" is, io fact, still fairly fine

The 30 locos heing built at end that if productivity could be advanced even by six mooths to Doncastar will provide an extra 450 jobs, British Rail said. a year in its relationship to consumption, the so-called spiral Until the oil crisis BR's coal transportation, at present about 100 million tons a year, were expected to fall to about 60 million toos by 1985. Now they are expected to remain steady.

Outdated information for self-employed From Mr D. A. Rendell

Sir, Insoired by your correspondent, Mr G. C. Milne-Smith, I referred to my own copy of leaflet NP7 dated May 1974, only to find that this is clearly outdated in its references to contributions by self-employed persons of 5 per cent of income within certain limits.

Thus prompted, I rurned to copies of leaflets NP9 and 9A (May 1974), to learn that for employed persons combined contributions to the hasic scheme and to the ill-fated reserve scheme total 16.75 per contributions of complete within limits. ceot of earnings within limits of £8-48 per week. On this basis. combined contributions in respect of an employed person earning £3,600 per annum would total £348, against Mr Miloe-Smith's example of £285 for self-employed.

Yours faithfully, D. A. RENDELL, Fir Trees, 11 Okefield Avenne, Crediton,

Cheque cards

Any cheques written on one date are not necessarily bound to he received at the account-bolding branch on any particu-lar date (through delays in paying in and/or in the clearing of the cheques). Is the branch supposed to look through several days' clearings to ascer-

A further adverse thought on the disbonour of any chaques in excess of £90 would be how does the branch coocerned ascertain which cheques are to he returned?

The Group's pre-tax profit rose 23% from £1,326,893 to £1,630,637, after providing for doubtful debts enticipated on

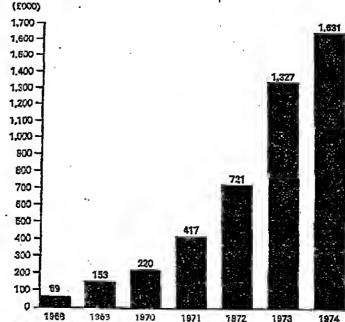
Tha Group's present overall liquidity position is the strongest in its

history - some 40% of total essets being realisable.

* The ratio of loans and advances to capital end reserves has been reduced to 21 to 1.

owned subsidiary of the Company, was designated by the Bank of England as a Listed Bank.

Profits before tax



From Mr Richard Tait The suggestion here is six months' money can be Sir, Ooe of the major blocks to designed to procure that vital drawn, all or in part, gaiolng a cooperation with pay restraint lead, time, without incurring reduction in tax (say a third Romania is to supply shout 55m-worth of components from a £19m order for 60 new freight

wage and salary levels.

If these levels could continue to be established, there should

arises partly from the oil crisis. Of the total £19m order, half society makes an expectancy of improved living standards (represented by such claims) equally as inevitable and unis going to BR's own loco works at Doocaster and the other half to Brush Electrical at Loughborough. Eogines for all the locomotives will be British avoidable in anything but the made Ruston Paxman diesels. Brush will be obtaining certain structural parts for their locos very short term.

3. That this imbalance of "over-

However, as this £348 compares favourably with today's National Insurance and Gradua-ted Pension contributions of £431 there is clearly a catch somewhere. My local DHSS office has no more up-to-date figures—just one more example of an abyssmal lack of informa-

From Mr G. A. Robinson Sir, I read with interest Mr J. Fasler's letter (October 1) "Preventing misuse of cheque card". One fallacy of his scribers have received no in- Peterborough. simple system, advocating the banks refusing to casb or bon. cheques in one day, would appear to be the almost impossible burden that would doubtedly be thrown on to the banks themselves.

tain bow many cheques bave been written on the same day?

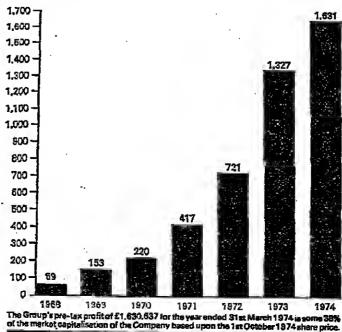
For a free service this would

Wintrust Limited Year ended 31st March 1974

30th June 1974.

In September 1973 Wintrust Securities Limited, tha wholly-

7 YEAR PROFIT RECORD



year, but the pictore " could be weaker than originally predic-This was because of uncerunofficial stoppages. The disputes have not yet affected shipments to distributors, but if they continue, Christmas and New Year supplies are threetened threetened.

tainties stemming from high oil prices affecting not only price levels, but the structure of the world economy.

Mr van Lennep said it had become more essential than in the past to bave more frequent cootact among the industrial countries. It was equally essential for the OECD nations to set

right priorities for policies to fight inflation and balance the absolutely essential to prevent this trend from developing into world ecocomy. "There appears to be no difference of opinion whatsoever in this respect among leadiog OECD countries", he said. He appealed to OECD nations not to try to reduce their balance of payments deficits through restrictive policies.

1,200 laid off at regulating traffic Thorn TV plant by pay dispute

Leicester's automated traffic control system, the first in Britain to cover a complete city, was opened yesterday. The computer based system, costing more than £500,000, has been supplied by Plessey Traffic and Instrumentation.

The system is connected to about 100 traffic lights, pedes-trian crossings and rehicle detectors. The lights and crossings ara controlled on the basis of preprogrammed traffic plans, using two Honeywell mini-computers. Informatioo from the vehicle detectors is

use to monitor the traffic.

Up to 250 traffic intersections can be controlled by the "These deposits were not authorized by the board of directors or the executive comsystem, and an extension to include Loughborough near by is planned. Six traffic plans are available for the automatic control, dealing with condi-Mr Rosenhaum is head and tions at particular times of the day and on particular days of Additional deposits in coul- the week. A total of 20 such panies associated with Mr Rosen-baum were made by two com-panies in which the Israel Corporation is a sharebolder.

Thorn Consumer Electronics of Bradford, the biggest colour television plant in Europe, yes-terday laid off 1,200 workers because of a strike among key personnel. The company, part of the Thorn Electrical Industries group, employs about 3,000 members of the Amalga-mated Union of Engioeering Workers.

The union has declared the strike official. It follows a breakdown in talks between management and union in which the union made a pay and bours claim,

The company and the union have an agreement under which pay bours and related matters are negotiated in March every year and implemented on April 1. The claim by the union breaks this accepted pattern but despite this the company made an interim offer to the men which was rejected. The Thorn group produces 40 per cent of all colour television sets and 50 per cent of all black and white

Advertising & marketing .

Newspapers benefit from election ruling

The extensive use of mass media advertisements by all three main political parties this three main political parties this election has been seen as some thing of a hreakthrough for advertising. The Labour Party and the Cooservatives have followed the lead into the mass media set hy the Liherals in last February's election.

In the pre-election run up period, Labour will have speot ahout £50,000 in national oewstaling advertisements and the infringe the iodustry's Code of

paper advertisements and the Conservatives about £200,000. The Liberals say they can only afford £15,000.

started hecause of a new legal interpretation of the Representation of toe People Act ob-tained by the Liberals io the spriog. Previous opinioo was that pre-election publicity at a national level could out exceed the expenses allowed to indi-vidual candidates under the vidual candidates under the

However, under the interpression obtained by Lord
Beaumoot, chairman of the
Liberal Party, newspapers will
now accept election advertisements, provided the copy is confined to d general theme of Marketing's awards for the most principles and not tied to any outstanding achievements in part:cular candidate or his area. The hen on all political advertisiog on television or radio continues.

elections, the Conservatives and companies with turnover the Lahour Party bave moved advertising agencies, possibly to advertising agencies, possibly to take hetter advantage of the oew ruliog. Cooservative Party advertising has shifted from Roe Humpbreys to Davidson Pearce Berry and Spottiswoode and Labour from Boase Massimi Pollitt in Notleys. The Liberals

Fiat rejection brings general strike call

Rome, Oct 8.-Trade union leaders called a general strike in Turin inmorrow after Fiat rejected an arbitration offer by ignor Bertoldi, the labour minister, in a dispute hetween the company and workers over Cutting production.

Sources said the offer was to stop 24 days' work over six months to achieve the cut in which Fiat has said is vital.

have remained with their former agency, Slade Monico Bluff.
Although welcomed by some sections of the advertising industry, the new freedom to advertise is seen as having sinister implications by others. **Drinks** vetting

Tighter controls on television commercials for alcoholic drinks are to be considered by the Independent Broadcasting Authority's Advertising Advisory Committee at its meeting later this month. Among specific restrictions to be considered is a prohibition

infringe the iodustry's Code of Advertising Practice.

More careful scrutiny has already been introduced to see The move into mass media that alcoholic drinks advertisements are not addressed to young people. Television com-mercial presenters are now not only required to be aged more than 18, their appearance in relation to their age is also taken into consideration by the verting system.
Additional specific controls

Act.

Advertising was confided to tions, if approved, are unlikely posters and local newspapers.

However, under the inter-christmas, the peak period for the inter-christmas, the peak period for the inter-christmas. drioks sales.

Award winners

Winners of the Institute of Marketing's awards for the most British marketing this year were announced yesterday. They are: Scottish and Newcastle ontinues.
In the interval between the Breweries in the category of exceeding 510m; Sinclair Radionics in the category for companies with turnover between 2m and £10m; and Tudor Accessories in the category of companies with turnover below 2m.

Patricia Tisdall

Oil cargoes scheme for American ships

Washington, Oct 8.-House and Senate negotiators and Senate negotiations approved a measure requiring that 20 per cent of all nil shipments to the United States be

ments to the United States be transported on vessels under the American flag.

The 20 per cent figure would rise to 25 per cent on June 30, 1975 and the 30 per cent after June 30, 1977.—

Reuter.

claim that they are "not allowed to discuss the matter". Yours faithfully, MIRIAM LANE, It seems bard that sub-Ashton Wold,

Unaudited Statement of Net Earnings of Chrysler United Kingdom Limited and Subsidiaries for the six months ended 30th June, 1974

	Six months ended 30th June 1974 £000°a	ended .
Sales External to the Chrysler United Kingdom Group	165,695	160,358
Earnings before charging or crediting the undernoted items	69	5,339
applicable to prior years Non-operating profits		1,103 489
Net Coosolidated Earnings before tax and minority interest Taxation Minority interest in net earnings of	75 13	6,931 (97)
a subsidiary Net Consolidated Earnings	(16) £72	£6,834
* Accounting year change as from	21ct Decem	-ber 1973

Accounting year change as from 31st Decamber, 1973 The net profit of £72,000 in the six months ended 30th June reflects the trading conditions under which the Company bad to operate.

The re-introduction of hire purchase controls in December, 1973 and the general unfavourable economic climate resulted in a very depressed market compared with the first half of 1973. Domestic industry registrations of new cars declined by 21.5% and registrations of commercial vehicles by 24.4% between the two periods. Sales of the Company's cars and commercial vehicles in

home and export markets during the period under review totalled 180,842 units, compared with 185,505 units in the In the domestic market, sales of cars and commercial vehicles dropped from 122,023 in the prior comparable six months to 107,896 units.

Exports rose and their value increased from £43,082,000 to £49,696,000. While this increase io exports is encouraging and contributed to the economy of nur country, the change in sales hetween damestic and export had an adverse effect nu profitability, as this the unprecedented rise in costs.

ability, as the unprecedented rise in costs.

In the commercial vehicle field, althnugh total Uoited Kingdom sales fell compared with 1973, demand for the Company's products increased partly due to the introduction in February of the new Commer Commando range of medium duty trucks. Unfortunately, shortages of componants prevented the Company from raising production to meet the increased level of orders during the period under review.

Commercial vehicle output was increased in September and domestic order coverage for light, medium and heavy

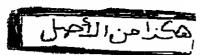
Commercial vehicle output was increased in September and domestic order coverage for light, medium and heavy trucks continues to be good. Demand for the Company's commercial vehicles, particularly the Commer Commander range, is also very buoyant in export markets.

The Company is nevertheless faced with an overall deterioration in trading conditions during the current half year. With inflation continuing at a very high rate, the cost of materials and components used in vehicle manufacture is also increasing.

The repeal of Government legislation on pay in July significantly increased the level of the Company's 1974/1975 wage settlements. Becsuse of price control regulations, only half of these increased labour costs will be offset by revised

selling prices.

The continuing labour disruptions, the bigh rate of inflation and the severe decline in the United Kingdom carmerket are already having a materially adverse effect on the Company's results for the second balf of the year.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Marks & Spencer under pressure

Sir Marcus Sieff, chairman of

Marks & Spencer : sales are still

interim results last week, while

a drop of a fifth in profits serves as a sobering werning of what lack of volume growth could do to retail profits in the

Set against the buoyant trend of official mail-order stanstics for the first half of the year, Grattan's results demoostrate

last year showed a 30 per cent

sales growth in the first half,

that Freemans has moved from

To be fair, the interim figures

ceot cut in gross margins last May. While the interest charges are not given, overdrafts appear

to bave increased considerably

over the £3.35m sbown at the

pursuit of market share. Attrac-

why the mail orders are out-

stripping other retailers, and

predicting an unhealthy increase

the second half the group is

Interim 1974-75 (1973-74)

Margins have

2 points is not to be sneezed at in these days of generally

inadequate cost recovery. More-over, the company says this achievement is due only partly

Weir Group

improved

Capitolization E24.6m Sales E52m (E46.8m) Pre-tax profits E3.8m (E4.8m)

Dividend gross 2.46p (2.357p)

Grattan's opposition to

vear end.

i merket that has been in two inds over the past couple of Tarks & Speccer was hrought own to earth yesterday with a et of interim figures showing o more than a marginal pre-· x gain for the six months to and September, the bulk of the eriod taking in gross margin eductions.

Not that there is any cause " ur disappointment in the sales erformance. Overall sales are p 22.5 per cent, comprising a ain of 23.2 per cent on non-nod sales and 16.9 per cent on od. But the cut in gross largins, commonly reckoned " have been in the region of per cent prior to the cuts,
as taken a pretty full toll at ere net level where pre-tax argins are down from 12.5 to 1.3 per cant—though it is orth ooting that higher working capital requirements have pped £212,000 off investment come while the property valuation explains a sharp se in depreciation, np £1m

> The hest news at this stage, wever, is ther seles remain loyant. Clearly a fair amount ill depends on the November dget and Christmas spending, it, assuming that Marks can th maintain the first half rata sales growth and continue absorb cost pressures over ts, then the group would be ading for £77-£78m pre-tax r the year. In the sense that
> & S should be a considerable neficiary of inflation accounta prospective p/e ratio of, rhaps, 94 at 112p may not present quite the premium er the market that it appears. it it is still a largish premium er an (historic) sector aver-e, while a yield of 8.7 per it is only attractive if one

n foresec a further relaxa-n of dividend controls. 'erim : 1974/5 (1973/4). pitalization £362m les £361m (£295m) ridend gross 3,36p (2.95p) e-tax profits £35.3m (£35m)

. £3.7m.

.oom for ianoeuvre

ien the Advance Corporation v Surcharge was introduced the Budget earlier this year was widely regerded in the y as a gratuitous side-swipe industry. It is somewhat ric, then, that the Finance appears to leave legitimate for reducing the burden he charge by making no proon to prevent the simple edient of deferring dividend

ments. growing number of combeen doing preily that in order to ensure t the due date for Act falls April rather than Januery, 5 in order to avoid the sur-The savings are not

ge, but they are useful:
to take but one example,
at Universal Stores intends pay its final dividend on uary 3 next year; last year payment was made emher. The surcharge would e amounted to just under ton the "A" ordinary shares nout deferment—hardly a anca, hut not to he ignored snug, of course, is that te most in need of cash will enjoy relief since they are no position to pay a divi-d. What an eutumn Budget Is for them remains to be

attan

ne cautious

tan Warebouses' tradition-cautious approach appears have backfired this rima. s growth of 11 per cent is ppointing against Freemans'

to the deconsolidation of Weir

Fifty-one per cent of this sub sidiary has been sold and its transfer to associate status in the interim results has meant £150,000 for Weir.

However, operating profits are improved by £700,000 altogether and the remainder of improvement reflects Weir's relative immunity to price controls, with much of the order book being from over-seas or on a tender hasis. The higher tax charge too—£0.55m against £0.35m is largely due to a higher overseas sales content.

Within this framework the foracase of some improvement in total profits this year looks realistic and earnings (adjusted for higher taxation) could approach last year'a 10p a share. At 28p that suggests a modest enough prospective multiple and the yield is around 21 per cent. Meanwhile, liquidity looks reasonably under cootrol with reduced activity in pumps after the three-day week helping to reduce the demand on working

Interim: 1974 (1973) Capitalization £5.05m Sales £34.4m (£35.2m) Pre-tax profits £1.18m (£1.05m) Dividend gross 2.09p (2.0p)

Cons Gold

Unsettling. factors

the extent to which the group is suffering from diminished market share. Sector growth of a fifth for the period implies a volume increase of around 5 to 6 per cent, so Grattan looks to bave sustained a sharp reduction. The group prefers to argue that its sales are moving During the last few weeks, Con-solidated Gold Fields has argue that its sales are moving in line with Freemans which figured prominently in the call option market in addition to a fair amount of institutional huyslowing to 19 per cant in the first half of 1974. Grattan ing in front of yesterday's pre-liminary statement. So the fact that the shares eased 2p to 175p achieved 18 per cent and 11 per cent for the two respective by the close was almost inevit-able. Moreover, possible dilu-tion of the 49 per cent stake in Gold Fields of South Africa to While the argument has some superficial attractions, the fact only 33.4 per cent if the present outperforming to averaging the sector performance over the offer for Union Corporation suc ceeds, was another unsettling period puts it io perspective. factor.

To be fair, the interim figures include some ancillary depressants. The group had production difficulties with its spring and summer catalognes in the opening quarter of the year, and, unlike most other retailers, it had to sustain the full 10 per cast cur in arms margins less than the full support of the process margins. Not that one can cavil at the figures which were up to hest expectations with profits leap-ing from £34.9m to £66.2m. Only share dealing, down from £6.17m to £5.92m, recorded a serback. This was, bowever, struck after allowing £6.8m (£1.8m) for writing down unrealized losses—a sum which pales into insignificance given the accretion in the underlying portfolio during the year to June 30 from £296m to £365m.

Those financing burdens appear to bave been the most crease potent factor in reinforcing tribution GFSA was helind the intribution from £4.56m to £12.3m, while the closely rela-ted doubling in dividend income tive credit terms are one reason to £17.4m can be largely related to the huoyancy of the gold and platinum interests. Mining, Grattan could well be right in chiefly iron ore, copper and an in Australia, was np from £6.31m to £14.8m on the back in bad dehts if the economic climate worsans this winter. In of higher metal prices although a reaction seems certain this

expecting the profits sbortfall to be rather less severe, which The United States steel inindicates an outcome of around terests, incorporated in Azcon. £8.5m for the year as against have proved a most judicious 510.7m. The shares, down 4p to group of investment with net 56p yesterday could still prove vulnerable on a prospective p/e ratio of just over 6. income escalating from \$4.35m to \$21.3m and with more to come. These left the industrial side nearly trebled at £14.2m hut United Kingdom construction, marginally ahead at the pre-interesr level, ended £2m down at £8m pre-tax.

Prohably standing at a 50 per cent discount on current oet asset value, Consolidated Gold Fields' shares musr remain in limbo until the Union Corporanon matter is settled with a p/e ratio of 51 and yield of 4.7 per cenr no great aupport.

A jump in intarim operating margins at Weir Group of over Final: 1973-74 (1972-73) Capitalization £188m Pre-tax profits £66.2m (£34.9m) Earnings pershare 32.1p (18.1p) Dividend gross 8.27p (7.88p)

Business Diary: Motor Showdown • Cuvée Curtis

Giving an enhanced role to Neddy

of the Houses of Parliament. An election period is nor-mally a time for the Nanonal Economic Development Office to keep the public profile at carpet level, hut this time both maio political parties are offering policies that imply the most fundamental reforms of its operations since Neddy was formed in Fehruary, 1962. Of course, neither Mr Ron-

nie McIntosh, the director general, nor the staff, can say much, pending Thursday's choice of administration. Even seemingly harmless public remarks can assume unde-served dimensions of importance when politicians lob quotations at each other.

Yet it is none the less necessary for there to be aome debate of a less partiel character about the role of a state-financed institution (it costs the taxpayer £1m a year) which struggles to promote economic growth in an infla-

tionary era.

The main Neddy council is the only national forum where Cabinet ministers, trade union leaders, industrialists and a few obligatory "iodepeodeous" meet at present on a regular basis to talk things over. Discussion is often predictable. cussion is often predictable, rarely bitter, but oooe the less useful—and occasionally very

After each monthly gettogether—and it is not un-known for the Confederation of British Industry or TUC members to meet beforehand to review conncil papers and the ageoda—the director gen-eral usually holds an "on-thebriefing with the

Without indicating who said what to whom, be earns every penny of his £17,000-a-year salary by diplomatic bandling of some searching questions designed to find out who said wbat to whom, and more resides. Ir is a form of torture, both

for the director general and newspapermen.

For his part, Mr McIntosb, a relative newcomer to a pres-tige joh occupied over the years by such as Sir Rohert Shone, Sir Frederick Cather-

These are exciting days for wood (the holdest spokesmao), which come under the heading ity, they must form views those on the upper floors of and Sir Frank Figgures, has the Millbank Tower, just west heen hlooded.

"good works." about the desirable level of Good works include such activity, and of growth and of

Last December, none other than the then Chancellor, Mr Anthony Barber, expressed his displeasure at press reports, based on the monthly hriefing, that the growth target might he unattainable,

Mr Barber's coocern, of ourse, reflected Neddy's course, emerging role as a possible mediator between management and unions. The so-called Group of Four, which enabled the CBI, TUC and the Civil Service to maiotain contact outside the council, had embroiled Neddy in matters other than the medium and long-term growth busioess. There is no doubt that Mr Heath, when Prime Minister

found Neddy increasingly helpful in maintaining some sort of tripartite dialogue. Indeed, the attempts to settle the miners strike at one stage moved on to Neddy premises
Mr Heath, like Mr Wilson,
and their Chancellors, see a
potential in Neddy that others

may not, unless they are direct participants. participants.

They actually feel there is great value in explaining governmental policies directly to trade unionists and industria-

For their part, both the CBI and the TUC have been keen advocates of Neddy-style planning through economic deve-

lopment committees and appre-ciate council meetings as a chance to educate each order. Not that they are unaware that many businessmen and union members feel that Neddy

nothing more than a talking The constant difficulty for Neddy in performing its statu-tory duty to examine the eco-nomic performance of the nation and to remove obstacles to growth hy agreement is not the membership. It has been pretty powerful, given the

The seemingly insuperable problem is that ChanceHors must cope with events and circumstances which can sud-dealy make irrelevant the laborious efforts by the council and the "Little Neddies"

names who have sat round the

table

things as the famous Nenonal Plao in the days when there was a Department of Economic Affairs and a Ministry of Technology. Devaluation and balance of payments anxieties put paid to that exercise,

More recently, a valuable exercise in forecasting the effect of varying growth rates on various vital industries bas foundered, or so it seems, on the energy crisis. Fortunately, Neddy has responded well by taking up the energy problem for independent study
After more than 12 years

since Mr Selwyn Lloyd created Neddy ro draw up a British

Maurice Corina examines the political trend towards expanding the economic

five-year plan, the office still survives, while other agencies and even ministries bave vanished. That says much about the artitude of those in positions to do it barm. Now Mr Heath wants

forum

streogthen the council, includiog the Oppositioo of the day in the membership and occasionally televising the procedings and releasing more in-formation from the Treasury. Sir Frank Figgures bas argued that a sharing of responsibilities—what he called "a move towards tripartite maoagement economy"—is required. It will require government, managers and trade unionists to think ahout things that they do not

naturally think about in the discharge of their normal responsibilities.

activity, and of growth and of prices, or whatever. This requires judging what will be the effects on the worlbwhile ohjectives of economic growth,

including stable money and

employment. Openiog up Neddy on Heath lines might improve the accountability of the parties in its work to the wider public. After the initial striking of postures (and this sometimes takes place aoyway at council meetings) to meet sectional consideranoos, a more open iorum might settle down aod eschew the worst features resulting from more public scrutiny of economic argu-

At the moment ministers get the better of both the CBI and the TUC in present arrangenients for discussing economic

For its part Lahour is approaching the question of accountability in a different way. The White Paper on regeneration of industry promises immediate discussions with the Neddy council about the best means for implementing the policy of iotroducing company planning agreements.

Clearly, Neddy is seen as Labour. Placoing agreements will involve all sponsoring departments for industry in

Whitehall and the intention is to draw in trade unions, who already serve on the little Neddies for industry-wide plan-

Both parties seem, therefore, to be looking to Neddy as a means of going further towards what Sir Frank Figgures

There is a shift towards fuller accountability outside the area of national economic management. This is expressed by Mr Befin's demands that industry opens up the books to unions and by the Conservative acceptance of corporate law reforms that include the provision of more information.

In Parliament the experiment in opening up various select committees bas beeo worth while and led to all-party increasingly must pay atten-

A development of Neddy might have its impact on the structure of the TUC and the CBI, which have not developed their own organizations sufficiently to meet contemporary

requirements.
Perhaps it might undertake new functions through associared committees—soch as a national council for incomes sibilities might be shouldered, and providing a source of pressure on government not to

stray off a stated course. But an important consider-ation is that the Civil Service, the principal source of inde-pendent advice and continuity in administration, be given an opportunity to state its views. There are pitfalls in attempting 10 widen economic manage-

The Treasury and the Bank of England tend to state the options to polinical masters, who sometimes will ignore the best advice but can rely on tha loyalty of their permanent staff. A new-style Neddy with access to advice at present given in secret 10 ministers might undermine the traditional political authority.

Nevertheless, the Treasury and other departments have from time to time presented.

from time to time presented classified papers, or contribu-red to documents, that go before the existing council. And the trend bas again been moving towards more open-ness, with civil servants com-ing before select committees dealing with public expenditure and other matters.

Whitehall has been characterized in recent years by the chopping and changing of departments, as well as the opening up and shuning down of statutory commissions and other agencies. This activity is a reflection of the prevailing executive's wish to improve its capability to deal with so many issues which actually arise from the lack of growth which, for 12 years, Neddy bas valiantly tried to promote.

The NEDC has suffered a slide in importance and in-fluence which a new effort to raise its status can correct, given the stated TUC and CBI

Cause for concern on the money supply

Under tripartite responsibil-

In their approach to monetary policy most economists empha-size the dependence of the supply of money on the public sector's fioancial position. If the Government has a large deficit it has to finance this

in some way or other.
It has several alternatives. It can sell government stock, usually, but not always, through the "raps"; it can take in sterling on the Exchange Equalization Account and finally, It can increase its liabilines to

the backing sector.
This last route is more popu-Known money".

If the public sector's financial

position is heavily in deficit and the authorities are reluctant or nnable to sell government stock or take in sterling on the ex-changes (because of, say, a bal-ance of payments deficit), the money supply must increase.

This is the background to an

important Monetary Bulletin, published today by W. Green-well & Co, the stockbrokers. Its argument is that the public sector deficit is much above target.

It is impossible, the Bulletin suggests, to dismiss the sharp rises in money supply in the period between mid-June and mid-August as a "statistical aherration".

This case has to be treated with respect because, until recently, Greenwells bad been noted for its concern at the deceleration in money supply growth. The stockbroking firm had espoused the monetarist approach, that a gradual slowdown in monetary growth was essential to stabilize the

It bad felt that the low rates of money supply increase found In early 1974—of under 5 per cent at an annual rate, whatever

measure of money supply were chosen—would inevirably cause a recession.

The focus of auxiety is now

quite different. Greenwells is suggesting that the public sector borrowing requirement in the 1974-75 fiscal year will he no less than £4,850m, compared with an estimate of £2,732m at the time of the March Budget. No apocalyptic conclusions are drawn from this about the consequences for financial markets, but it does not need much imagination to see that, if Green-wells is right, these conse-queoces might he grave.

The cause of the supposed disarray in the Government's finances is inflation. It used to belped the Government to balance its books because taxes at the margin (ie, taxes oo extra income) are higher than average taxes (ie, taxes on all income). However, this conventional wisdom has come under

increasing attack. Besides progressive taxes (where the marginal tax rate is above the average) there are volume taxes, such as those on alcohol, robacco and bydrocarhon oils, whose real value declines with inflation. There are also a number of taxes which are paid "late"—outably corporation tax (in a normal

With inflation they are worth less when they are paid than when the liability for them is incurred. More important.

government spendiog is pushed by rising prices. Greenwells makes the interesting point that in 1973 rising prices mostly affected raw materials and finished products, while wage costs were relatively stable. Government spending is labour-intensive and is, there-fore, badly hit when the charac-

ter of inflation changes, as it bas dooe in the past few mooths, and wage costs are exploding upwards.
Greenwells estimate that government spending io the

current fiscal year will he about

1973/74 fiscal year. It is well known—and bas, in fact, re-ceived much publicity from leading politicians—that several recent wage awards in the public sector have heen above the expected level.

The implications are alarming, although there could be some respite from factors which have, until now, heen disguised. It is customary for the public sector to incur a substantial finencial deficit in the first half of the financial year.

The announcement yesterdey that the deficit on the Consolidated Fund hetween April and September this year amounted to £1,390m, confirmed fears that government spending is at present outpacing revenue. However, the pattern varies during the year and it varies in a fairly predictable way. The tax-gathering season.

which reaches a peak in the last quarter of the fiscal year, is yet to come. It is possible ooe effect of inflation and high interest rates, is to cause taxpayers to delay payment as long as possible. Also, if deficit months should

show larger deficits, snrplus stock, interest rates would have monms should show larger surpluses.

fiscal year there was wild restrained, in the opinion of speculation that the public most observers, hecause it sector horrowing requirement would be very much off target. In the end it came close to the projected figure—largely be abroad, favoured by Greenwells cause sowerment departments are characteristics. cause government departments did not spend money allocated Exchequer in March.

Although there would be

such as the easing of liquidity pressures on companies, thera would be a number of problems of potentially extreme gravity.

If gilt sales are substantial, as they were in the two months to end-July, the situation would he somewhat eased. But there are limits to the public's willing ness to accumulate holdings of government stock.

If the public does out take up

to be raised to make them attractive and there would then It is easy to exaggerate the he all the consequent diextent to which the Treasury is tion of financial markets. The money supply mus he all the consequent disrup-The money supply must he

as the ohvious loophole.

But the credibility of borrowto them and returned it to the ing abroad depends on a continuing improvement in the halance of payments. With The same thing could happen halance of payments. With this year. The Government must present rates of inflation it is be—or, at least, should be—
conscious of the implications of
a buge financial deficit.

be—or, at least, should be—
going to he increasingly difficult for British exporters to
remain competitive. remain competitive.

Yet, if the Bank of England some favourable repercussions, allows the exchange rate to drop, keeping prices in line with prices abroad, foreigners will be reluctant 10 keep those sterling denominated assets which they now bold.

The results of a run sterling and a large public sector deficir at the same time are almost impossible to con-

Tim Congdon

INTERIM STATEMENT

Frouncial

Insurance Company Limited

Interim Report for the half year ended 30th June 1974

This report is based on estimated figures which have not been eudited.

Because of the nature of insurance business the half year's figures should not be taken as giving a

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	6 months to 30th June 74 Estimate £000	S months to 30th June '73 Estimate £000	Year 1573 Actual COOO
Ner written premiums Fire, accident, marine and aviation	18.044	15,755	33.393
Underwriting results Fire, eccident, marine and evienon	1,596	895	1,933
Investment income	1,499	1,222	2,494
Profits of non-underwriting	_	-	
subsidiaries and associate	5.	34	55
	3,100	2,161	4,482
Interest payable	122	191	459
Expenses not charged to other accounts	117	139	298
Exhauses not english to entit separate	. 239	330	757
Group profit before tax	2.861	1,821	3,725
Tax and minorities	1,447	717	1,535
	1,414	1,104	2,190
Contribution to pension fund			250
	1,414	1.104	1.940
Pividends, paid and proposed	411	332	772
Profit retained	1,003	772	1,168
Earnings per share	16.810	13.10p	25.99p
LIFE BUSINESS	6 months to	6 months to	Year
LIFE BUSINESS	30th June '74		1973
	Estimate £000	Estimate £000	Actual COOC
New gross sums assured	15,434	18.124	33,873
New life premiums —annual	220	298	584
single	104	1,019	1,500
New annuity single premiums	236	2,581	2,839

Home underwriting results at this stage garded as exceptional against the ackground of present economic conditions and inflationary trends and should not be taken as indicative of the results for the full year. The overseas results show an improve-

ny compared with this time last year, but Canadian results are unsatisfactory and are expected to deteriorate.

account closes at the end of the year and & expected to yield a reasonable writing years 1973 and 1974 is not encouraging and the prospect of losses on these years justifies the action taken to reduce marine income until a return to more steble conditions.

The increase in investment income reflects high interest rates and the Group's policy of maintaining a high degree of liquidaty.

The Company's exceptionally strong esset position is confirmed by its capital, reserves and investment surptus, estimated at 30.6.1974 to be £24.9m (31.12.1973; £29.4m) thus covering the minimum statutory solvency requirement 6.5 times, and providing the necessary backing for the lurther development of the Com-

ORDINARY DIVIDEND The directors have declared an interim dividend for 1974 of 4 7897p to be paid on the 19th November 1874 or 41 ordinary shareholders on the register of mambers on 25th October 1974. U.K. resident shareholders will be entitled to an imputation to a credit of 2.3592p, making the equivalent of a gross interim dividend of 7.1489p per share (1973: S.SOp).



Provincial Insurance

Company Limited STRAMONGATE KENDAL CUMBRIA

s. which began last week in and continues later this h in London and then in 2. is causing increasingly conscious motor manufac-s to fall by the wayside. rce big names will be con-ous by their absence from vear's Earls Court show in on-Chrysler Australia, ican Mntors and Borg icr. Borg, in fact, is cutting

il three shows. some years car company itives have been uneasy sanctioning the expense ounting full scale exhibits three shows. After all, it is d, motor shows are not they used to be makers no longer usa as a platform on which

veil their latest creations, s an opportunity of plughat is already on oifer. g Wirner, the big autotransmission manufacsays it does not bave people to mau tha while Chrysler clearly that it would be pointless tibit big perrol hungry cars

iporiant. Society of Motur Manuers and Traders, which izes the Loadon show, says t is not uoduly disturbed e unusually large number hdrawals from this year's Many are component

ime when fuel economy is

s who are having their show, Autoquip 75, in the society clearly feels

plethora of European motor that the days of the London show in its present form are numbered. Pressure is growing for it to be held every two years rather than annually, and the possibility of its being combined with the commercial vehicle show is being considered.

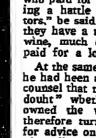
SMMT members are also concerned about the prospect of increased subscriptions which are at present hased on member companies' annual turnover. John Beswick, the society's director, will admit only that such a move is "under discus-sion", hut the SMMT must bave more funds if it is to increase its services to members

These services include the setning up of an office in Brussels. Last year, the SMMT received almost £420,000 in subscriptions, a little less than three years earlier. Income from last year's motor show was just over £257,000, a healthy sum which, if denied the society every other year, could be regained only by greatly increased dues.

Wine waiting

The wine trade's emphoria over hullish prices paid at a sale at Christie's in July gives way to edginess over the outcome of an application, concerning another quite separate cache of wine being heard in chambers wine, being beard in chambers today before a High Court regi-

In July wine put up for sale by the Bass Charrington Vintby the Bass Charrington Vint. firms who bought it and have executive of the English Tourist ners and expected to fetch about been invoiced by the company. Board is to be a Welshman from



Lester Borley: English Tourist

£750,000 in fact charmed don Wine Company's customers £962,000 out of hidders' pockets. are not the only people inter-The other cache of wine, on which interest now centres, is estimated to ha worth about £850,000 and is already hought and paid for hy investors—but is still in the hands of London Wine Company, which weot into receivership in August.

The application, to the com-panies division of the High Court, is therefore to guide the receivar, accountant Leonard Curtis, who wants to know whether he can release the wine to the 300 or so individuals and

Curris sounds almost as cut up about the wine as the people who paid for it. "Pm not fighting a hattle with these investors," be said yesterday." I feel they have a moral right to the wine, much of it hooght and paid for a long time ago."

At the same time, he went on, he had heen advised by leading counsel that there was "serious doubt" whether the investors owned the wine. Curtis was therefore turning to the court for advice on the quickest way of settling the matter one way or the other.

Curtis has had the cooperation of Nigel Baring, chairman and managing director of London Wine Company since the firm's bankers, National Westminster, called in the receiver.

The application is unlikely

to be rewarded with a decision

today, although Curtis and Lon-don Wine Company's customers

ested in the outcome London Wine Company might not be the last wina dealer to go into receivership, in which case there will he many more hibblers or investors whose thoughts must now, lightly or rwise, be turning to stocks bought and paid for but still staoding in merchants' cellars.

Tourism's man

Scotland. He is Lester Borley who has emerged from a field of about 200 to win this £10,000 plus job of developing tourism through the board (a statutory hody), its 11 regional boards and a cast of thousanda in industry and government. Borley has since 1970 heen doing much the same thing

north of the border, where he

has been chief executive of the

Scottish Tourist Board sioce it came under the wing of the Development of Tourism Act Cook, founder-chief executive of the English hoard, was formerly principal of the British Transport Staff College, and left tha ETB to become one of

Administration. Borley, however, has been in tourism for 20 of his 43 years. Before joining the STB ha worked all over the world with what is now the British Tourist Authority, yet another statutory tourist body—this time, one marketing Britain abroad.

the three omhudsmen of the

new Commission for Local

Such a man, it could he argued, would be useful if there were to be a streamlining of the state's cumbrous tourist organization. And his new boss, Sir Mark Henig, ETB chairman is campaigning against the pro-Pat Cook's successor as chief liferation of towrist bodies and executive of the English Tourist for "a national strategy" of tourism.

Good order book and interest spread encourage Senior Eng

As expected, the power difficulties of the early part of this year did not have a serious overall effect on the fortunes of Senior Engioeering, which esti-mated in April that its loss of profits during that period was about 50 000

(£485,000) and minorities the

against £532,000, and earnings at 1.20 (1p adjusted) after tax. While admitting the difficulty of forecasting for the rest of the year, Professor R. Smith, chairman, says the company takes a view of "cautious opti-mism". Order books are good In the balf to June 30 profits grew 31 per cent to £1.34m pretax out of a turnover 23 per cent higher, at £12.8m. After a higher tax charge of £702.000

On the marker the result did comes out at £641,000, little more than move the com- cal conditions allowed.

pany's sbare price up balf a point to close at 10p; while sbarebolders are to get an interim payment increased from an adjusted 0.5p to 0.64p, this being the full 12; per cent rise allowed for this year. With a same-again final payment of 0.65p the total is, therefore, expected to be 1.3p (1.15p).

The results confirm the company's earliar optimism that last year's record £2.3m would be better this time provided.

be beaten this time provided

Strong opening at Martin-Black

based wire rope makers, really sparkle with profits already ex-ceeding the £518,000 for the whole of lasr year and turnover whole of jar year and turnover showing a gain of 42 per ceot. Further, with a continuing high level of order load on band, particularly in the heavy section, prospects for the second half are "extremely encouraging"

Boosted by stock profits of £125,000, taxable profits more than doubled from £281,000 to £711.000 on turnover bounding frnm £2.9m to £4.2m. Earnings per share were also more than doubled from 3.52p to 7.6p. In stepping up the interim divi-dend from 1.31p to 1.74p the board is incorporating that whole of the permitted increase for the year. There is a cash/ dividand option.

Three-day week hits J. Compton, Webb

Although turnover has riseo from £5.76m to £6.2m at J. Compton Sons & Webb (Holdings), taxable profits of this uniform and clothing makers have dropped from £503,000 to £433,000 for the first half. This is attributed to the nine weeks of sbort-time working earlier this year, which cost the group £160.000, and to price control legislation. The dividend is beld at 0.5p gross.

Efficiency is running at a high level and order books remain full.

Dawson & Barfos

With interim orofits up from ball prospects must be measured agaiost the economic scene. But the board has every confidence to the future profi-

Sales and Profit

telephone charges.

The Rule of the Retailer

interference.

depends, slows down.

In spite of the increase in Sales over last year of £62,922,000, or 22,5%, the largest ever achieved by the Company in a six-month period, our profit before tax shows little increase at £35,255,000. The main

reasnn is that the Government has imposed an arbi-

tary reduction of 10", in our rate of gross profit. Our

Ibt the future development of the business;

(c) Corporation Tax on the net profit : and

[d] dividends (nr uur 243,000 shareholders.

The costs of running the business have continued to rise

substantially. We exercise strict control over those areas of expenditure where we are able to du so, but many of these are largely beyond our control, such as rates,

national insurance, lighting, heating, postage and

We achieve much by the willing co-operation and

efficiency of nur staff and the exercise of sensible

economies. We are determined to ensure that the living

standards of thuse who work in our Company and those who, ofter long service, have retired, shall be maintained

and, if possible, improved. We can only achieve this if we

are allowed in operate efficiently within a dynamic free

enterprise section of the economy. Our nym record in the area of human relations is a practical demonstration of

Retailing performs a major role in the chain of produc-tion and distribution. We en-operate with whatever

Government is in office, but some Ministers and their

advisers do not seem to appreciate the significant contributions which a healthy and competitive retail

industry can make in stemming the tise in the cost of living. We are not helped in this task by misguided

Corporation Tax takes more than half our profits. The

Government criticises the private sector for its failure to

invest but it omits to explain that much investment is

financed out of profits, if our profits are subject to

politically-motivaled restrictions and massively reduced by ever-rising levels of taxation and inflation, cash available for development is reduced, confidence is

ernded and investment on which the maintenance of

employment and the future prosperity of the country

The overwhelming majority of our 243,000 shareholders are ordinary people who have chusen to invest their

savings in a successful company in which they have confidence. They are neither speculators nor parasites.

Of the larger shareholders most are insurance companies, pension schemes, charities and other trustee funds. They have to find the money largely from dividends to pay the pensions, life insurance, and

stipends of millions of people. To imply that such share-

holders are power hungry capitalists is nunsense. Our shareholders, like our employees, are entitled to

The remaining profit is retained in the business to finance

its future growth. The profits which we have ploughed

share in the prosperity of the Company.

what can be achieved by free enterprise.

gross profit must be sufficient to provide for:

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ful the expenses of running the business,

Agreement has not been ranched with Vickers on the consideration payable for D & B's engineering interasts. As such, the matter has gone to an independent accountant for arbitration.

FPA profits halved in first leg

Taxable profits in the first balf to June 30 of FPA Construction. Group have been more than balved. Although some improvement is expacted to the execution of the control less than the execution. in the second leg, the overall outturn for 1974 will be well down from the record £1m achieved for 1973.

The group takes in building, contracting and property deve-lopment, and in the period profits tumbled from £730,000 to £308,000, though it is expected the second half will comfortably exceed the £276,000 for the second balf of 1973. The interim dividend is being raised from 1.31p to

1.48p. Mr R. A. Palfreymao, chairman, who bad earlier forecast further records for 1974, explains that the decline is furtber attributable to the current difficulties in the property and housing markets. On the brighter side, the contracting side is working at record levels and orders books are strong.

Simon Eng in £2.5m deal with CEGB

In a deal worth £2.5101, Sinton Engineering is selling to E174,000 to E240,000 pre-tax the Central Electricity Gen-Dawson & Barfos say second-erating Board the freebold office property known as Europa House, Cheadle Heath, Maochester, and 4.5 acres of adjoining land. It will also

Opening results to June 30 tability of the group as pre- acquire from CEGB the unex-from Martin-Black, the Glasgow- sently constituted. pired lease of the office prop-erty, Griffio House, Cheadle

Aero & Gen ahead

Iocluding a surplus of £151,000 on the sale of a free-hold property, taxable profits of Aeronautical and General Instruments are ahead from £104,000 to £247,000 although turnover is down from £2.56m to £1.95m. The dividend for 1973-74 is up from 1.42p to 1.5p gross. Earnings a share are 11.02p, against 5.95p, but if the property surplus is excluded, earnings this year are only 1.56p.

S. Casket purchase

For an initial cash consideration of £350,000 (with a second payment to be limited to £410,000) S. Casket (Holdings) bas agreed to buy the trading assets of the principal menswear retailer of the John Loveys group from its liquidator. Conditional contracts bave been exchanged with Jobu Loveys subsidiaries, Stones (Outfitters) and Williams & Co (Outfitters), to buy the lease-hold interests, fixed assets, stocks and debtors at comple-tion, which on current stock levels would amount to about

Seahorse expands

Seaborse Ltd, a company set up to service the oil and gas industry io Irish waters, has taken control of two James Scott Shipping agency compao-les to Cork and Cobh, It bas also acquired the agency interests of Irisb Shipping in the Cork area.

Seahorse was formed last year by Irish Shipping, P & O

back over many years have financed a large store building programme which created much employment.

Present Government policy has substantially reduced

the money available for such development in the im-

mediate l'uture, Inflation forces us to invest an iocreasing

proportion of our resources in the day-to-day working

The Company's liquid position is good. In order to keep

il so, the Board has decided that it should scale down

our building programme. We shall complete all those

projects where work has started or where we have firm contracts to participate in new shopping developments,

although they may be spread over a longer period. We must use our cash resources prudently and we are

developing other ways of increasing our business and improving our prolitability—by a better and wider range of St. Michael goods, improved display techniques,

Thirty eight thousand people work in Marks and Spencer.

Additionally, as a result of our long-term policy of

supporting British Industry, hundreds of thousands work

in companies which supply as with goods and services. We do not intend to let them down.

It is difficult to forecast the outcome of the full year's

trading. So far sales are buoyant. As long as we offer

the public high quality and desirable St. Michael merchandise which represents good value, we shall make progress in spire of the difficulties. As always, we

shall reduce prices whenever possible and limit increases to the minimum necessary for the health of the business.

We have substantially increased production programmes

with many of our manufacturers so that the best of our new ranges ut merchandise will be available more

speedily to more of our customers throughout the

country. In this way, we shall ensure continued success.

* Turnover including exports but excluding VAT

Interim Dividend
The Directors have declared an interim Dividend of 2.25 pence per share, compared with 2.0671 pence per share last year. This dividedd, together with its associated Tax Credit, rapresents in equivalent gross dividend of 3.3582 pence per share, compared with 2.853 pence per share paid tast year, an increase of 13.7%. The Directors propose to give shareholders the opportunity of electing to receive new Ordinary Shares in substitution for their cash dividend entitlement.

cash dividend entitlement.

The interim Dividend will be paid on 14th February 1975, in shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members on 26th October 1974.

Property Valuation

The ratuation by Gerald Eye & Co. has been completed and the value placed on the Company's properties as at 31st March 1974, amounted to £443,623,000, in view of the decline in property values since then and the uncertainty of future values, the Directors have decided to pustgoose until the end of the Financial Year the decision on the extent to which these increased values will be incorporated in the Company's accounts. If they were included in full, the surplus would amount to £221,723,000.

26 weeks ended 28th Sept. | 29th Sept.

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better use of selling space and increasing our exports.

needs of our business.

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Turnover*

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Property Valuation

Profit hefore Taxation

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Marks & Spencer

Review of the half-year's results

by the Chairman Sir Marcus Sieff OBE, BA.

Static second half from **Amal Inv**

In the first half to Septem-ber 30, pretax profits of Amalgamated Investment & Property more than quadrupled from £1.2m to £4.95m, and the board said this exceptional jump arose from the disposal of surplus properties by trading subsidi-aries for about £5.5m plus the sale of the group's 29.6 per cent stake in Army & Navy Stores. They then warned, however, that the full term profits were not expected to be substantial and this is certainly the case. For in the second balf taxable profits emerged at £806,000 compared with £2,2m last year. Nooetheless this belped push the group's full year profits to a fresh peak level of £5.76m against £3.4m previously. Taxation under the new accounting policy takes £1.34m against folicy takes 21.34m against £1.39m and earnings per sbare are more than doubled from 2.89p to 6.24p. Meanwhile the total dividend is being raised from 1.96p to 2.06p

Thos French in

33pc climb but

While things are now not so brisk, Thomas French & Sons

another record year in 1973-

74. Pre-tax profits rose 33 per cent to £891,000 on turnover 21 per ceot higher at £7.7m,

while at the net level, profits come out at £464,000—a rise of 20 per cent. Shareholders re-

ceive a divideod of 2.92p against

The iocreased profit was achieved across the group's entire range of activities at

io demand showed itself at bome

in mid-April, followed later in

almost all overseas markets, inducing a cautious view of the

stays cautious

Issues & Loans

Local authority coupon pegged

The coupon on local authority yearling bonds bas been pegged at 13 per cent this week with an issue price of par.

Issues were made by: Brent-

rood, Kingston-upon-Hull, Wal-Sall, Blaby, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Norwich, South Oxford-shire. Nunearon, Bracknell, Staffordshire, Mertbyr Tydfil, Lambeth, Cleveland, Cotswold, Inverness, Greenwich, Sheffield, Forest, Stafford. Waltham Waverley and Woodspring.

Britain has agreed to lend up to £3.4m to Pakistan on soft terms to help build a new port, Port Basim, at Phitti Creek, 17 miles south-east of Karachi miles south-east of The loan will finance the off-shore costs of a coaster and lighterage facility. In all, this first facility is expected to cost about £4.6m.

Christopher Wilkins

Stock markets

Firmer, but cautious tween, and rhe list of active stocks confirmed that it was

The stock market remained in its mood of pre-election caution yesterday, alrhough a distinctly firmer tone became apparent during the afternoon. Rumours that a fresh opinion poll fore-cast would shortly disclose an erosion of Labour's election lead appeared to provide stimulus to sbare prices. Also belping was the early rise on Wall Street. The FT index climbed above the 200 mark again, to

close at 201.2, a net rise of 6.4. bome and overseas, with the latter showing the greater progress. United Kingdom activity was affected by the three-day week, etc. A definite reduction But turnover showed no great increase. A higher total of recorded bargains, at 6,132, was ascribed to the activities of the professional investors, who were struggling to keep their books balanced ahead of tomorrow's election decisinn. Features were few and far be-

Bank statements for September

Statements of the London Clearing Banks and their hanking subsidiaries in England and Wales, the Channel Islands and the Isla of Man made up to September 18 are summarized in the table below

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Business appointments

New director at Glanvill Enthoven

Mr Michael J. G. Grimstoo has joloed the hoard of Glanvill Euthoven & Co. Mr Gilbert Bowditch has retired from the board. Mr Robert H. Whitby has heen elected vice-president Europe by Booz, Allen & Hamilton. Mr Gareth Jones will succeed Mr Whitby as magazing director of Booz. Allen & Hamiltoo in the United Kinedom. United Kingdom.

Mr D. R. Ledger has been made secretary of Johnson Matthey Mr A. Wren has become chief executive and Mr L. McNeile manager of Oryx Investments, the

newty-formed Arab/British chant bank based in Duhal.

Mr Barry Barker becomes company secretary of Pye Boldings after the resignation of Mr A. D. Burnert. Mr Barker is company secretary of the Pye of Cambridge group. He will cootinue to bold that office: hat office. Mr B. E. Rudd has been made assistant managing director of 5 phere Drake (Underwriting). Mr P. J. Wood has joined the board.

Mr Harry Taylor has been elected chairman of Commercial Export Credit Company, a subsidiary of Manufacturers Hanover Trust. New York, following the retirement of Mr Raymond Davidson. Mr John H. Lyon becomes deputy chairman and Mr Malcolm P. Davies a director.

tinuc on the board in a non-execunive capacity.

Mr John J. Dorgan has been elected senior vice-president (finance and freasurer), and Mr Donald M. Morgan vice-president (financial administration) of Occidental Petroleum Corporation.

Mr A. 5. Ashton is to join the board of Tyzack & Partners as a non-execuove director. Mr Richnrd Addis is to become a parioer. Sir Killary Biggs is to retire from the company.

the company.

Mr Robert Webster is to go in the hoard of the Mersey Docks and Harburt Chimpany. He is finance director of the Refuge Assurance Company.

Mr Gerald Wightman, chief executive of Skeichley, has been elected president of Servibel, 5A, Belgium. Mr Thomas L. Adam, finance director of Sketchley, and Mr Lyndon G. James, managing director. Sketchley Overall Service, lave also joined the board. Mr Georges Thredoir cootnues as managing director.

Mr Michael Bird has been made managing director of British Debi

Mr W. H. Bronman has resigned

Mr W. n. Bromman has resigned as a director of Ladbroke Genip. Mr T. Moore has been made deputy managing director, pro-grammes and supply, of Conoco.

Mining

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Cardinary 7- 1989
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the market leaders which saw

With Wall Street influences

and Burmah 61p up at 176p.

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shade easier in London, gold

shares ran ioto profit-takiog at

first. But the early rise oo Wall Street enabled gold sbares

to reduce early losses in Lon-

& Spencer, whose sbares dipped to 109p on the disclosure of

results, but rallied later to close

at 112p, a net 3p down. There was speculative support for

There were no oeivs features

and turnover was modest. There

better yields, but most stocks were unchanged on the day.

Adams Foods (10p) Fin

Latest dividends

Year ago 0.75 1.42

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9/12

All dividends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

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S CONVERTIBLES

WMC expands into beach sands

Western Mining Corporation has taken out a \$A100,000 option to buy the entire issued capital of Black Sands by March 31, 1975. The option money was paid to Kamilaroi Mines and the Mining Corporation of Australia in exchange for the right to buy out the beach sands pro-

Black Sands amounting to \$A3.62m and will also arrange the financing of the \$A4.6m for the development of the Jurien Bay development which lies about 150 miles north of Perth.

don. Western Areas (450p) closed only 10p off, while Vaal Reefs (£252) coded with a loss of only 25p. Jurien Bay has ore reserves of beach sands—rutile, zircou and ilmenite—of around 3.2m Principal feature was Marks tonnes, while a second deposit at Cooljarloo could have the same poteotial. Productioo should begin at Jurien Bay in the first half of next year. unchanged interim

Rand Selection-SII

Payments to sharebolders enn titled to the dollar premium s amount to £11.73 a share and £8.71 to ex-premium holders.

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1.96 2.5 1.99 7.86 2.0 2.75

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helping good rises were achieved by Glazo Holdings (204p) and Fisons (182p). Beecham (135p), ICI (168p) and Courtaulds (71p) also made further headway in the final bour. Oil shares edged for-ward, BP closing 7p up at 266p ducer for \$A\$.15m.
In addition, WMC has agreed to repay the vendors' loans to

Management Agency & Music, and W. Crowther, controlled by British Laod, continued to reflect bid hopes. Following the acquisition of Schlesinger Insurance & Institutional Holdings by Raud Selec-tion, cheques will be posted un Friday to shareholders who accepted the uffer by Anglu American to buy up in 20 per Equity turnover for October 7 was £27.3m or 10,041 bargains. The gilts market was quiet. cent of the new Rand Selection was a certain amount of jockey-lng among "shorts" to obtain

Meanwhile, construction continues under MEPC's owo pro jeet maougement. Goodyear talking

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Australian

loss denied

Rumumrs that MEPC Group's

Australian subsidiary had sustained losses through the col-

lapse of Mainline Construction

were refused yesterday by Me Peter Anker, the managing dis

ector. He said that MEPC.

Australia have acquired from
the receiver of Mainline, the
minority interest in the Discorery Bay project in Honolulu
and had awarded the coorract to

a Hawaiian based group-Pacific

Work is proceeding on schedule. Long-term funding has already been arranged with

Metropolitan Life Insurance in Sydney. MEPC is currently

negotiating a new contract for

centre development in which

Mainline's involvement was

limited to that of a cootractor

the continuation of the exchan

proceeding

Construction.

by MEPC

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to Kettering Mtr Talks are on at Kettering Motor Service Group with Good year Tyre & Rubber, which could lead to an affer for Ketter ing. On yesterday's marke price of 59p, the group is value at about £1.7m. A further as nouncement will be made a sonn as possible. In the men time, shareholders are advise not in dispose of their holding

Furness-M/C Liners

On July 8 Furness Withy an notince that it did not intend by make an offer for the outstand ing shares in Manchester Lines which it did not already one.
Although in view of recent derlopments. Furness Withy has
purchased further shares and
has therefore increased its holding, the board reiterates that does not intend to make a offer for the total outstands ordinary in ML.

Adams Foods

In the 14 months to June 29 taxable profits of Adams Fook, controlled by the Irish Dair. Board, ware £429,000, against £387,000 in the preceding 12 months. This came from turn over of £49.5m (£33.9m); the dividend is 1.53p (1.5p).

New York, Oct 8.—On the New York stock exchange lodgy, shares began the session un a winning note, but by mid-day prices were mixed, dealers said. Ar noon, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 5.09 points lower at 602.47. Initial strength seemed to be largely the result of spillover demand from yesterday's sharp gain—the best to two months.

continue to buy stocks on hopes for a strong anti-inflation-package from President Ford later today, investors apparently preferred to mark ome unof the official version of Mr Ford's programme is formerly released after the market closes.

Yesterday, bounded abead in Ford's economic address. The industrial average advanced 23 points to 607.56.

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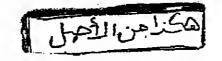
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Mr J. C. Benner has been made managing director of Marine Off Industry Repairs (Moira), the company formed by Standard Industrial Trust, Yarrow & Company, British & Commonwealth Shipping. North Sea Assets and Finance Corporation for Industry, to carry out repairs and refits of oil rigs.

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Mr J. A. Farmer becomes unancial director of Henry Sykes.

Mr J. W. Llewellyn-Jones will continue on the board in a non-execu-

the company.

Mr Georges Thretoir coopinues as managing director.

Mr F. G. Haynes becomes deputy managing director of Edgar Allea Foundry. Mr R. J. Connelly becomes production director. Sheffield division of Edgar Allea Tools.

Mr Graham Miller becomes a director of Esperanza Trade and Transport. He will remain the monaging director of the Graham Millier Group of companies over-

MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

London daily sugar price raised to £380

The Londoo daily 5UGAR price was vesterday raised by £15 to a new "high" of £380 a long ton. This reflects the atrong tone of futures markets following Monday's reports of high prices paid by Iran for four cargoes of raw

Futures opened auchanged of the limit up levels established at Monday's 5 pm call. Very little selling interest came into the pools, which at the end of the session totalled 840 lots. The turnover was 864 lore. turnover was 864 lots. The terminal after lunch was immediately bid up to new limits, £10 above morning levels, on the weight of buying interest which had built up in tha morning's pools. Thereafter, the higher levels stracted profit-taking and trade selling, but good support was evident on any dip and prices finished only just below the limits.

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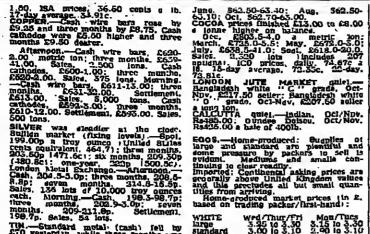
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Demands deposits, 11% % 7-day deposits in excess of \$10.000 up to \$25,000 10 % to over £25,000 10 % %.



EGOS.—Home-produced: Ougples of large and standard are plentiful and some pressure by packers to Sell 13 swidem. Mediums and amalla continuing to close readily. Imported: Continental asking prices are geography above United Kingdom values and this prectudes all but small quantities from arriving.

Home-grodyced market prices (in £, based on trading packer/first-hand):

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PHYSICALS quiol.——Spot: 27.25-28.25p.
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Dec. 27.75-28 Day-to-day credit was in full supply in the money market yesterday and the Bank of England had to "mop up" on a large scale by selling Treasury bills directly to the houses.

Houses were paying about 9 per cent for secured loans at the outset, but with official views indicating a large surplus, and only light "calling" by the smaller banks being encountered, rates were soon falling. By early afternoon, money was flowing in sizable sums and final balances were generally taken in tho region of 2 or 3 per cent.

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Foreign Exchange

Dollar fluctuates

The dollar fluttuated through-out yesterday's currency trading as dealers tried to keep bolanced positions ahead of Presideot Ford's economic package. The lower Euro-dollar interest rates tended to work against the United States

unit.

Nevertheless, few operators were prepared to go "short" of oldlars in front of Mr Pord's statement and, consequently, modest gains were made against most European currencios. The Italian lire displayed fresh weakness, but ended off the bottom at 666.87 (664.50).

As the British election day drew near, sterling kept to a narrowly mixed course in modest trading, between \$2.3335 and \$2.3365. It closed at \$2.3345, down 15 points.

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Brazil sells world sugar New York, Oct 8.-Market sources here said that Brazil has sources here said that Brazil has sold as much as 103,000 tonnes of world sugar to several operators in the past few days. The sales incloded both raw and crystal sugar with shipments to be made before the end of the year, tho sources said. No further details were known.-Reuter.

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Preliminary Announcement of Results for the year to 30th June. 1974.

and Proposed Final Dividend on Ordinary Shares

At the Annual General Meeting to be held at The Charterod Insurance Institute, 20 Aldormanbury, London, E.C.2, on TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1974, at 11.30 a.m., the Directors will recommond a final dividend of 3.4085p per fully paid Ordinary share. That amount together with the interim dividend of 2.1315p per share will make a total of 5.54p por share for the year. After taking into account the related tax credit under the imputation system of taxation, this total is equivalent to 8.2686p per share compared with 7.875p per share the previous year. This represents an increase of 5%, the maximum permitted by law for the year under review.

The results of the Group for the year were as follows:	1974 £ 000	1973 £1000
Net Revenue of: Construction Meterials Companies Industrial end Commercial Componies Mining Companies Dividonds on Investments Profit on Realisation of Investments, less depreciation Fees and Sundry Revenue	10,929 14,246 14,822 17,407 5,922 4,672	10,551 5,107 6,307 9,254 6,169 2,480
Less: Administration, Tochnical and Goneral Exponses Debenture and Loan Interest Exploretion expenditure written off	67,998 4,778 6,980 2,277	39,868 +,036 -4,285 1,216
Sbaro of Profit of Associatod Companies	53,963 12,276	30.331 4,555
Profit before taxation	66,239 24,003 1,060	34,886 13,143 330
Not Profit for the year	41,176 6,697	21.413 2,370
Net Profit Attributable to the Members of Consolidated Gold Fields Limited	34,479	19,043
Dividends (Cost to the Company): Preforonce Ordinary, including proposed final	56 5,947 6,003	7n 5,913 5,983
Retained: In Group resorces	19.131 9,355	11,625 1;433
	34,479	19,04.7
Earnings per Ordinary sharo	32.07p	18.07p

NOTES:

I. Profit before taxation

Tho increase of £31.4 million was largely attributable to four sources of revenue:

(a) The industriel and commorcial companies' net revenue rose substantially. duo mainly to the increased profitability and expansion of Azeon's operations in the U.S.A.

(b) The net revenue of the mining empenies, both in Australia and in the U.K., benefited from increased motal

prices.
(c) Dividend income reflected substantial increases in distributions by South African gold and platinum companies.

(d) The Group's sbare of profit of the associated companies was almost wholly derived from its interest in Gold Fields of South Africa.

Despite a higher turnover, the net revenue of the construction meterials empanies was only marginally above that of the previous year due primarily to cost inflation, price controls end the three-day woek.

Profit on realisation of investments amounted to £5.9 million after deducting £6.8 million in respect of unrealised depreciation.

2. Taxation

The increase in the total taxation charge is commensurate with the higher pre-tax profit. 3. Earnings per Ordinary share

Earnings per share increased by 77% to

32.07p.

It is intended to post the Report and Accounts nn 25th October, 1974, end included therewith will be e Notice of en Extraordinary General Meeting to be held immodiately fol-lowing the Annual General Meeting on 19th November, 1974, at which Resolutions will be proposed authorising the Directors to give Shareholders the opportunity in take new Ordinary shares instead of eash dividends. Subject in approval at the Annual General Meeting, the proposed final dividend will be

psyablo to holders of Ordinary shares registered in the books of the Company at close of business on 1st November, 1974, and to holders of Coupon No. 114 detached from Ordinery Share Warrants to Bearor. The Register of Mombors will be closed from 2nd Novomber to 15th November, 1974, both datos inclusive, end dividend warrants will be posted to registered Shareholders on 13th December, 1974.

Shareholders on the Johannesburg Branch Rogister of the Company will be paid from the Company's office of 7S Fox Street, Johannes-burg, in South African currency at the London foreign oxchango market spot selling rate for Rand at the close of business on 1st November. 1974, or, if no dealings in Rand are trans-acted on that date, at the close of business on the day next following on which dealings in Rand are transactod.

Holders of Ordinary Share Warrants to Bearer are notified that Coupon No. 114 will be paid in:

Midland Bank Limited. New Issue Department, P.O. Box 518, Austin Friars House, Austin Friars, London, EC2P 2HV

or Peris at Lloyds Bank International (France) Limited, 43 Boulevard des Capucines,

75002 Paris or Zurich at

Union Bank of Switzerland, 8021 Zurich, 45 Bahnhofstrasse on 16th December, 1974, or at the expiration ever is the lator.

By Ordor of the Board, J. R. STEWARDSON. Secretary

8th October, 1974. 49 Moorgate, London, EC2R 5BQ.

Consolidated Gold Fields Limited 49 Moorgate, London, EC2R 6BQ.

INTERIM STATEMENT

THE WEIR GROUP LIMITED

STATEMENT INTERIM

Results for, 25 weeks anded 21st Juna, 1974 Subject to Audit

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	10 21st June 1974 £'000'a	10 22nd June 1973 £'000 s	10 28th Oec. 1973 £'000'a
TURNOVER	34,413	35.208	78,063
PROFIT BEFORE INTEREST AND TAX The Group Associated Compenies	2,660 109	1,956 352	4,849 837
Interest Payable less Receivable	2,769 1,592	2,308 1,254	5.686 2.729
PROFIT BEFORE TAX Estimated Tax	1,177 545	1,054 351	2,957 1,005
PROFIT AFTER TAX Profit Attributable to Minority Interests	632 45	703 20	1,952 131
PROFIT BEFORE EXTRAOROINARY ITEMS Oeduct Extraordinery Items	587 228	683 74	1,821 607
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WEIR GROUP LIMITED	359	609	1,214
EARNINGS PER SHARE	, 3.3p	3.8p	10.1p
MINISTRUM PARAMETER			

INTERIM DIVIDENO An interim dividend of 1.4p net per share (1973: 1.4p) will be paid to Sharaholders for tha 52 weeks ending 27th December, 1974. Payment, absorbing £252,262, will be made on 8th Jenuery, 1975 to Members on the Register at close of business on 11th Decamber, 1974.

TRADING AND PROSPECTS

The forecast et the Annuel General Meeting was that results for the first all of 1974 would not be very good. In the event, profit before tax was marginally nighter than in the corresponding period of 1973.

Weir Pumps Ltd. has had difficulties, mainly because of late deliveries of bought in components, in making up output lost during the 3-day week, and this has increased work in progress and reduced profit. Other Group compenies are auccessfully

containing working capital needs in spite of infletion.

The 1974 first-half turnover ligure excludes Weir Construction Ltd. As 51% of the Weir Construction equity has been sold to Ernest Ireland Ltd. the company is now

Extreordinery items in 1974 consist mainly of an exchange rate provision in respect of Oeutschemark borrowings. In today's conditions firm forecests would clearly be hazardous. However, demand for the Group's products continues to be very strong, especially oversess, and there is at present little reason to change the view, expressed at the A.G.M., that profit before tax for 1974 should show some improvement over 1973.

The Weir Group Limited Cathcart Glasgow 644 4EX

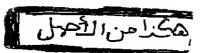


Stock Exchange Prices

Firm trend continues



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a Special Report on the City of London

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The result was a swift



	1965	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Instillance								
Companias	66	78	80	111	711	137	160	150
Llovd's	20	45	74	105	156	188	188	159
Bi okei s	23	27	34	42	50	S 5	56	6
Total Insulance	108	150	198	258	317	380	406	372
Banking								
Credils	122	127	178	231	255	247	339	427
Debils	100	38	111	117	128	149	205	318
Banking darnings	22	50,	67	114	127	98	134	111
Investment trusts	30	30	35	31	31	31	31	33
Unii trusis	2	2	2	2	3	3	5	
Pension funds	5	5	5	3	3	4	6	
Merchanting (b)	30-35	30-35	35	41	44	45	45	73
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Other brokerage	•	•		14	18	10	17	21
Futal brokerage	29	35	\$1	60	79	50	73	100
City of London (d)	230	286	426	509	604	611	701	704

(a) Source: Oerived from sources in the City of London balance of payments 1963-1973 (The Pink Book), HMSO.

Id] British linancial institutions to the nearest C5m ance for the earnings of the Stock Exchange and Shipping in those years for which separate estimate available, and other brokerage earnings].

No room for complacency

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Can we still rely on it?
recent survey of prospec
conducted by the Committe
on Invisible Exports su
gested that, despite man restrictions, the overse earnings of the service i dustries would, in gener condinue to increase during the rest of this year. A overall increase in the volume of invisible traces seems likely, although the rate of growth will probable to down compared with the conditions of the condit go down compared wi receut years. If a wor slump lies ahead, howeve same sharp reassessmen may be necessary.

Before turning to 1

ur-	This private surplus can be
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	other services to be found in
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	(about £680m), frnm British
	sbips (about £600m), and

from the various professions (about £120m).

Take the difficulties first. Changes in the Enrodollar New York has just reopened its doors to foreign borrowers on a significant scale for the first time In more than nine years. The Eurodollar market, on which so many of the City's activines have been based in recent years, is said to need strict, perhaps stifling, controls. The climate in which the City operates, with currency changes in the Enrodollar market.

Meanwhile other parts of the City were still expanding, especially the broker age earnings of the Baltic extent, the Stock Exchange. On balance, however, the series of the late 1960s seemed to have lost some of its momentum. If, as now seems probable, world trade city operates, with currency values, commodity prices is also beginning to falter, and interest rates rising and plunging in a bewildering manner, is probably the most dangerous for a generation. Above all, liquidity problems both in banks and industry are as acute as they have been since the war.

seems probable, world trade is also beginning to falter, the international service trades, too, are likely to be entering a more difficult period.

The City of Loodon came ioto being largely as a result of the hack-up services it could offer to international trade. These services

this is also the time when Middle East oppor-tunines have never been greater. City bankers are thronging Beirut, Cairo, Jid-dah, Teheran, Kuwait, Abu

by William M. Clarke director, Committee on Invisible Exports

Invisible Exports

Trospects for invisible earnings, whether from banking, insurance, tourism or the autumn outcrop of British plays on Broadway, are as income. Not only have they are eren more busy in put. plays on Broadway, are as income. Not only have they are ercn more busy in purdifficult to assess as any produced an annual surplus ting together projects round other part of the economy, for the past 180 years; in the world fur the more per-But with a yawning visible 1973 tracy produced a net manent investment of the rade gap of more than surplus of over £2,100m. Arab billions. These are £4,000m our invisible sur-This private surplus can be early days and it is tou soon to know how it will all

work out.

The City may be full of gloom but it remains active and flexible. It has alway adapted itself quickly, painlessly and effectively in any new demands. The very lack of heavy handed legislation of heavy handed legislation and central bank control has given the City a flexibility to be found nurthereelse. Paper work has always been reduced to a minimum transactions are concluded quickly, usually by word of mouth. The whole structure of the City can change speed. of the City can change speed-ily, because there is no laborious machinery to be taken apart and put together again in a different

To turn from these general trends to hard cash and to assess the City's foreign earnings in these conditions is a thankless task. The City's invisible earnings trebled between 1966 and (about £120m).

An impressive record; but can the surplus be increased or even maintained? Can the City, for example, keep up its remarkable growth record? This is a difficult question, for the City is faced with new challenges and new opportunities at the same time.

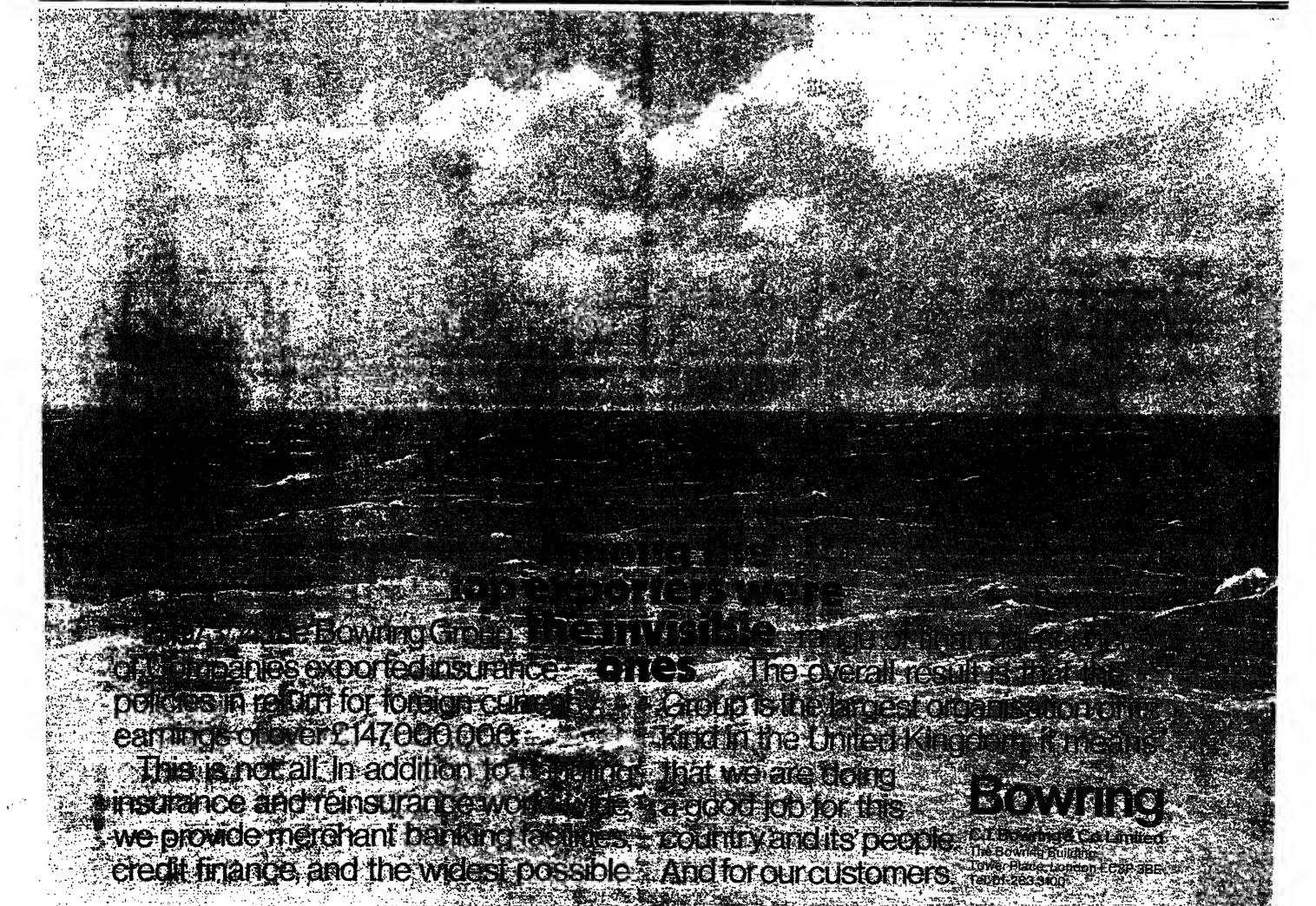
Take the difficulties first. New York has just reopened

City's invisible earnings 1966 and 1973, but generally levelled out last year. Both insurance earnings and banking earnings dropped back from their peak in 1973, the former because of the former because of the changes in rates and suffer international competition, the latter largely reflecting changes in the Eurodollar market.

City operates, with currency seems probable, world trade

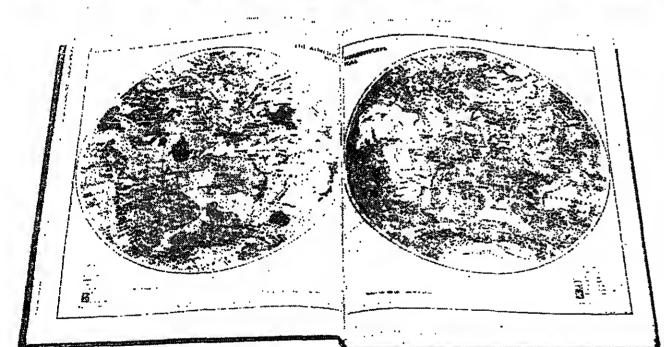
national trade. These services have always grown to meet the demands of everexpanding world trade; now the fall in world trade poses

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Earnings rule blamed for stock market gloom

Set against the United King-Set against the United Kingdom's total invisible earnings, those of the stockbroking fraternity look very minor indeed, yet 1973 provided their best figure ever reported. At £17,935,000 it was an increase of some £2m over the grevious year. over the previous year—a creditable performance bearing in mind the steady decline in stock market prices during the period.

The Loodon stock market has always had an appeal as an interoational market to foreign investors and the developed steadily overseas developed steadily overseas and brokers first began to set up offices in foreign markets like the United States. Hongkong, Australia and, latterly, Europe. The broking community looked forward to Britain's entry into the EEC as an opportunity of establishing occasion. tunity of establishing ooce and for all Loodon's pre-eminence as Europe's, if not the world's, major financial centre. Its efficiency and expert koowledge was well known and accepted and its appeal was certainly atronger to its European parmers than the Americao Last year it seemed as if

Last year it seemed as if expectations would be realized. Business in all areas—commission, arbitrage and issue fees—grew steadily, if not dramatically. The trend cootinued into 1974 and first quarter earnings of £7,597,000 were at the highest level ever. In a depressing overall stock market picture, overseas business was an encour-aging feature. The second quarter of the year, bow-erer, told a totally different story. Earnings dropped by more than half as against the first quarter to £3,344,000, reflecting a sharp decline io both commission and arbitrage earnings. Any improve-

get of the 1 per cent stamp duty oo transfers. This decision was later reversed for overseas business business for the state of the sta



Trading in London's Metal Exchange, in Leadenhall Street. The exchange provide the world with its main price indicator for metals and still dominates internationan markets in the handling of four leading base metals—copper, tin, lead and zinc.

trage earnings. Any improvement is expected in the third quarier.

There were several reasons for the setback. One undoubtedly—though it turned out to be only temporary—was the doubling in the Budger of the 1 per cent started as investment currency and as sucb com-

overseas business after talks Not surprisingly many bome-based stocks itself has between the Stock Exchange British resident investors also had implications for and the Chancellor of the immediately reviewed their overseas dealings. Business Exchequer.

Business Exchequer.

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1971	6,292	3,236	342	87	9 15
1972	8,862	6,323	412	144	
1973 1974	8,772	0,721	220	214	17,
First quarter	3,514	3,968	59	55	7.
Second quartar	2,013	1,261	26	-44	3.

Huge upsurge in commodity trading

by John Woodland

report under the but there can be little doubt that the balance of payments "... commodity ments have benefited." contributions are included under merchant-For 1972 a range of

E40m to E45m is given, a reduction of E5m from 1971.

However, with the sharp rise to turnover in 1973 after a world scramble for a de range of commodines. it would be a major sur-prise if invisible earnings have not greatly improved. Sir Cyril Kleinwort, the chairman of the committee, in the sar said in the report: "The City's carnings, at the last materials. count, had already reached 1680m and, unless my guesses are wildly wrong, must now be nearing £750n.

Throughout history Lour and the settlement of claims and don has built up an inter- the settlement of claims and cational reputation of integral lay down rules of trading that is second to none, and conduct.

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With about 70 per cent of the Loodon Metal Exchange's business emanating from overseas it is easy to see that with last year's turoover invisible earnings probably grew substantially.

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Turnover is running at more than £100m a year and the export aood reexport invisible earnings to fill in a new monthly return. The figures to should be illuminating but trades are conducted to this it will probably be a year or centre even though the more before any firm facts within a 1,000 miles of the Unfortunately, however, the skill and Associations—bas requested major firms to fill in a monthly return. The figures trades are conducted to this it will probably be a year or centre even though the more before any firm facts within a 1,000 miles of the Unfortunately, however, the skill and Associations—bas requested major firms to fill in a monthly return. The figures to the more before any firm facts within a 1,000 miles of the Unfortunately, however, the skill and Associations—bas requested major firms to fill in a monthly return. The figures to the more before any firm facts within a 1,000 miles of the Unfortunately, however, the skill and Associations—bas requested and in monthly return. The figures to the more before any firm facts within a 1,000 miles of the Unfortunately, however, the skill and Associations—bas requested and in monthly return. The figures to the fill in a monthly return. The figures to the fill in a firm facts and the figures are constably to the more before any firm facts to the more before any firm facts are available.

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No room for complacency

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This requires technological economy has to look for invisible aurolus of £2,100m. This requires technological skill, a British strong its service trades.

In the league table of spending of more than its exposions, the conword invisible earners the £1,000m.

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we maintaio our sbare of the world total. This means that with world invisible trade growing at about 10 per cent a year, our owo invisibles should grow at least at the same rate.

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City responds to challenge of Arab cash

by David Blake

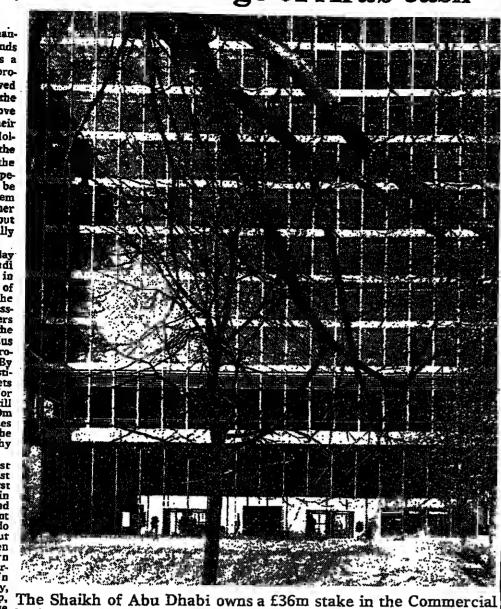
Until last eutumn, the channelling of Arah oil funds into western markets was a fairly straightforward pro-The sums involved were insignificant and the Arabs, seeking safety above aff, were happy to put their money into sterling and dolar deposits through the onventional vehicle of the City and New York. So spe-cial arrangements bad to be made to reassure them against the risk of further terling devaluations, but be process was basically

will that changed the day that King Faisal of Saudi Arabia announced a cut in eduction and a raising of oil prices as part of the Arab campaign to put press-Te on western supporters of Israel. In 1974 alone, the stimate of the surplus unds which this will pro-lice is over \$50,000m. By 1985 the World Bank estiates that the total assets in f the Arabs available for avestment in the West will ave exceeded \$1,000,000m r something like 100 times the official value of the

uge gold reserves held hy to United States. Investing in the West omes low on the Arah list of priorities. They are first iterested in investing in eir own development, and cond in the development Arah countries which do it have oil revenues. But en when this has been and when western mpanies have heen parlly bought up to gain cess to their technology, in the case of Krupp, ere will still he large ms available.

The City has shown its iditional flexibility in respect to this challenge, are signs now that the Arabs this, the sums of money in and some of the higgest, ere is little choice. Kuwait, are willing to invest on a volved, though useful as far most famous hanks are example, is likely to medium-term hasis by the as the City is concerned, heing offered more money making it one of the property.

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ing degrees to support the expansion of iodustrial pro-cesses which in turn allow them to develop export markets. In the sense that the hanking system funds the growth of a visible export trade it supplies the oil that enchles the machinery of international transactions to function smoothly.

Direct financing apart, the henks provide a vital edvisory end support service for exporters. Companies engeged in foreign husiness frequently rely heavily on the powerful hank hacking, is able to obtain speedier payance on the most eppropriate form of finance for their parform of finance for their parfor skill of their henks for guidance on the most eppropriate form of finance for their particular needs. They commonly depend upon their hanks to see them through the complex documentation that relates to all the processes helates to all the processes mate receipt of payment in sterling inm company hank accounts.

This can involve the hanks, Crucial question n their capacity as advisers, of risk indirectly in such matters as insurance and shipping, hut major actioo role takes two forms. The first is the supply of finance to the producer of goods, sometimes inked to the provision of

of international markets has by the supplier direct to his from £117m to £316m over

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Thare is something more truly invisible about the contribution to Britain's overseas earnings made by hanks than even the phrase "invisible exports" suggests.

At the fundamental level, manufacturing companies depend on bank finance in varying degrees to support the It is therefore highly credits £367m. application in exports, has provided the hasis on which merchant banking growth has the assumption that the de- the most vigorous, some of

in exports in recent years, offering a full financial sar-vice which provides immediunction smoothly.

Direct financing apart, the penks provide a vital edvi-

The question of risk and bow to cover it is a crucial consideration to exporters. An indication of its importaoce is that the Export Crethan the £114m of 1969, the worth \$2,500m, for dits Guarantee Department £127m of 1970, and the £134m British Government. linked to the provision of credit to foreign huyers, and the second is the provision of foreign exchange facilities.

One of the major concerns of all exporters is to ensure prompt payment for goods shipped overseas. It is well understood that in the normal crows of the provision of the major concerns of all exporters is to ensure this way increased by nearly understood that in the normal crows of the provision of all British exports. In the fill4m of 1969, the worth \$2,500m, for the fill4m of 1970, and the fill4m of 1969, the worth \$2,500m, for the fill4m of 1970, and the fi

big contracts of, say, up to £50,000, credit can sometimes extend to three years; up to £100,000 it could he as long as four years.

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were worth £975m and huyer inflow of new henks has still not ended. Some 20 new

> deoted to the Government domestic sterling husiness. The reform was hased on American hanks have been

The trend from the middle can be seen in the increase of the 1960s shows that hank- of more than £1,000m in the ing has regularly earnt a foreign currency decosits of surplus, but in recent years the London clearine hanks

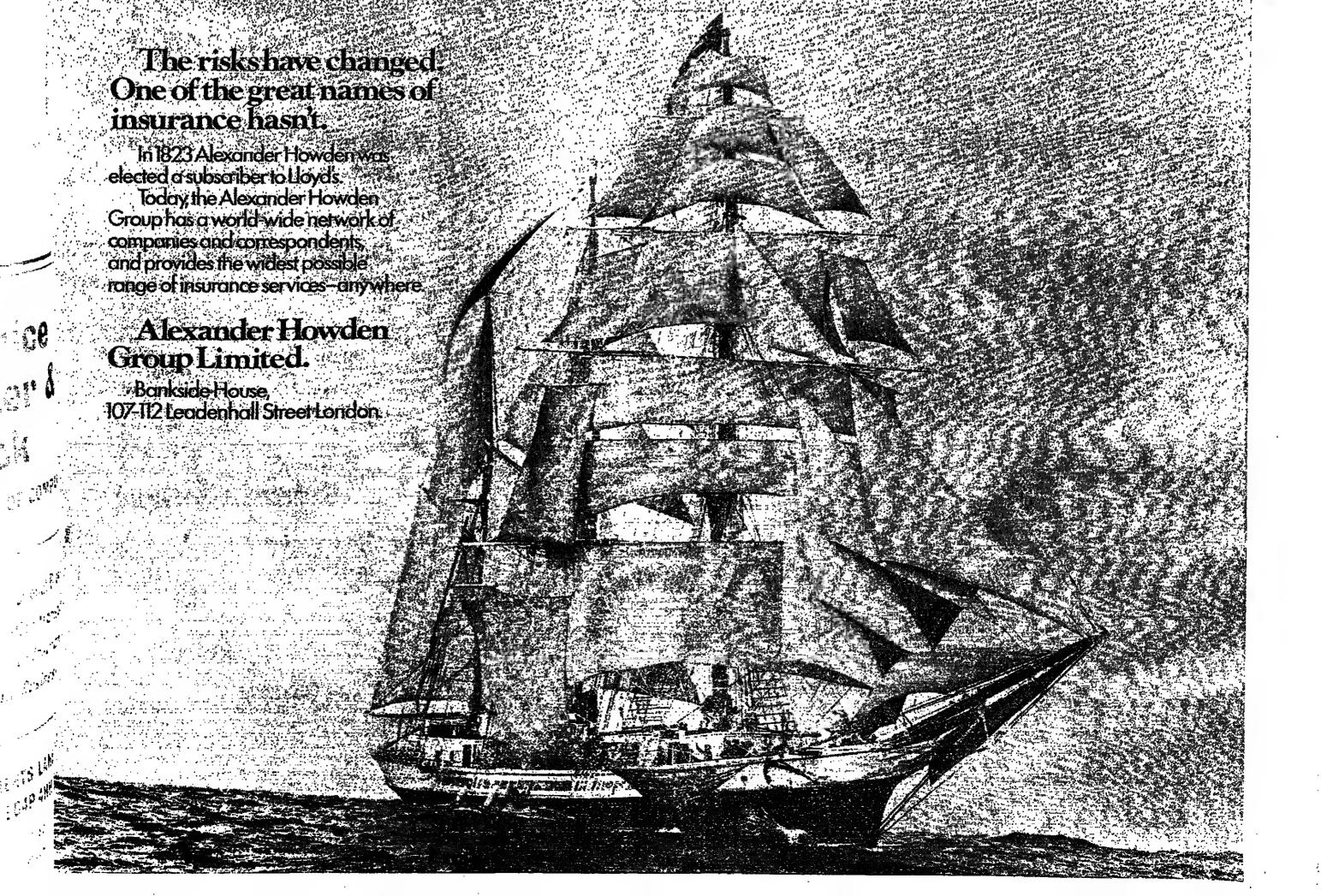
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State Banking Commission when it attempted to acquire Long Island Trust, although National Bank.

British and foreign tween mutual services for each sortium mule has cifered our such solution, but often with only limited application. Both Barclays and the Midland, through their re-pertive participations, have become groupings aimed specifically at mutual enoperation, while NatWest has chosen to develop a European presence by taking strategic equity stakes in continental banking groups

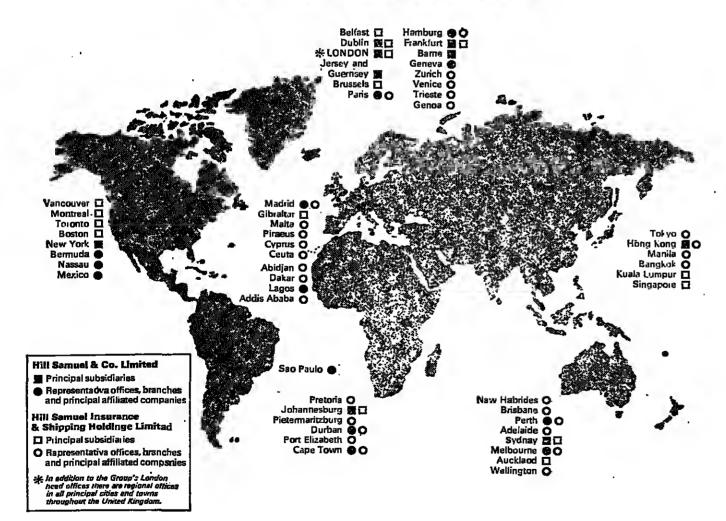
There are a number of clear parallels hetween the that in an increasingly comto provide financial and advisory services to multinational depend largely on their having an interoational pre-

Supplementing this argu ment is the growing belief among some merchant banks thet their prime need is to overcome their own inability to back their financial advi-sory skills with substantial





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London Council, but the Square Mile within the

Roman and medieval walls— might have been made for the tourist. The City, how-erer, remains to be con-vinced that tourists were

Heraldry buffs could argue that the arms of the City proclaim ao affinity for people from somewhere else. The heraldic description of the arms is: Argent, a cross gules, in the first quarter a sword in pale, point upwards, of the last. Crest: a dragon's

iter wrog argent, charged with cross gules. Supporters : on either side a dragon with wings elevated and eodorsed

wings elevated and eodorsed argent, and charged on the wing with cross gules.

The cross is that of St George, who although later declared the patroo saiot of Englaod, was martyred at Lod, io what is now Israel, while the sword is that of St Paul, patroo saiot of the City.

Paul, patroo saiot of the City, but originally from Tarsus, in what is now Turkey.

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It is barder to place the dragons, for although the City was at one time frequented by bulls and is now throoged with bears, a sighting of a dragon has oot been reported for some time. The Chinese make a his thing of

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dragons, of course, although the Corporation of the City of London prefers to ascribe its dragons in a badge of the Tudors, a family from Wales.

However far-flung, though,

the allusioos in the coat of

arms may be, it is the motto, Domine dirige nos, that clinches the matter. This is translated by the corporation into the crue of the corporation

into the cry of tourists every-where—"O Lord guide us." I Anybody wishing to mull

over these or kindred points can quite happily do so within the City, at the College of Arms, Queen Victoria Street, between 10 am and 4 pm. Mondays to Fridays.

No mention of this, or of the college itself is to be

the college itself, is to be

found in the corporation's official guide, The City of London, unless you count the mere name of the college on the street map at the back.

primarily a place in which to work and to make or lose money, rather than a place to live (there are ahout 400,000 people there in the day, hut only 7,000 live there).

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by the 1968 devaluation it in turn had belped to bring

about. They have yet to see the justice, for tourists, of the remark made in Jerome K. Jerome's book about some tourists, Three Men in a Boat: "I like work: it fascingtes me. I can sit and look

Boat: "I like work: it fas-cinates me. I can sit and look

The corporation does not bave much idea bow many tourists pass through the City in an bour, a day or a year. There is a tourist information centre at St

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at it for hours."

The City, however, ha

A mixed

tourists

by Ross Davies

with £159m being earned by underwriters at Lloyd's, expenses bave been £153m by Briidsh insurance companies and £60m by Briidsh insurance brokers.

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The reason is that bank ling end other activities are often complementary. For example, a Eurodollar loan to build a bridge in Peru may be accompanied by two insurance policies, one against structural defects and the other against default because of negligence by a local company. Both the in-

local company. Both the insurance and the loan can be arranged in London.

The departure of banks active in Eurocurrency lending would, therefore, be highly damaging to the City. Fears that such an event, or a cataclysm of comparable proportions because of the collapse of some of the less successful concerns, bave grown this year.

Siderable extent.

But there were also some special factors. A large number of Japanese banks and decrease in the amount of business. Fewer bond syndicately emerged as the most competitive and aggressive bankers seen in the City. They were instrumental in pushing margins over interbank rates oo Eurobond issues to low levels.

However, these tactics. years no longer have to re-sor 10 the market. These are primarily 1be big oil pro-

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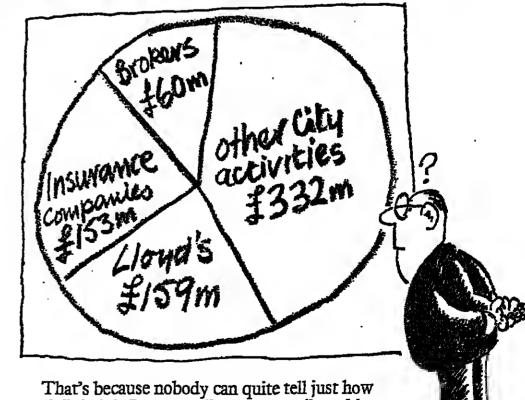
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Thus, 18 floors up in one of these dispiriting new buildings, the City's Committee on Invisible Exports tabulates with satisfaction each year the growth in tourism's invisible earnings—from £282m in 1968 to £551m in 1972—while, below, it is really rather a case of every tourist for bimself.

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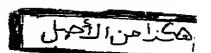
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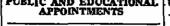
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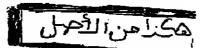
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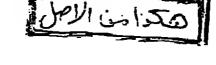
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